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AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO HONG KONG ESCAPERS

Recommendations Of Committee Accepted Loyal Friends Not Forgotten

A Committee was formed in 1946 to collect and collate, on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia, evidence of assistance rendered during the Japanese Occupation to members of the Allied Forces attempting to escape from Hong Kong or evade capture by the Japanese, and to make recommendations for the rewarding of these loyal services.

The Committee, which was under the chairmanship of the District Officer, New Territories, carried out extensive enquiries over a period of some months in an endeavour to ensure that no such loyal act was overlooked. The final recommendations of the Committee were forwarded in August to H.Q. Allied Land Forces, South East Asia, as it was from military funds that any monetary awards were to be paid.

The Committee was recommended that where an individual performed outstanding services of great merit a certificate signed by His Excellency the Governor should be awarded, and that monetary awards should also be considered in appropriate cases. In practice, it was found that in most cases where assistance was given to persons who escaped a whole village either actively participated in the action or else maintained secrecy about it, in spite of the serious consequences of detection. In these cases a monetary award is to be made to the village and certificates of merit will in addition be awarded to those villagers whose individual services merit special recognition. Sums of money awarded to villages will be held in trust by the District Officer, New Territories.

It is now learned from H.Q. Allied Land Forces, South East Asia, that the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted in full. The following paragraphs give some details of the approved awards and the services for which they have been given.

Executed
A grant of £100 was made to the village of Tai Au which sheltered and hid a number of Allied Forces personnel. The village was also the scene of a battle in which the Japanese were defeated. The grant was made to the village as a reward for the services rendered by the villagers during the Japanese Occupation.

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NAAFI SUPPLIES CUT

Paris, Feb. 14.
The British War Office has ordered immediate cuts in supplies for NAAFI and other supplies held up by Army commanders overseas, owing to severe interruption in public services and industrial concerns in the United Kingdom, according to a circular received by the British Embassy here last night.—Reuter.

LINYI FALLS

Nanking, Feb. 15.
The vanguard of the Government assault troops entered Linyi, Communist regional capital in Shantung, last night after six hours of "savage battling" on the outskirts.

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence told Associated Press at 4 o'clock this morning that reports "were very near but the Ministry was still without official confirmation."

A report from Hsuehchow, Nationalist base in northern Kiangsu, said the Communists lost 9,000 casualties fighting on the outskirts of Linyi before withdrawing the bulk of their armies into hilly country.

Reports indicated that the Nationalists, while smashing their way into Linyi, which was the headquarters of Communist armies in Shantung, failed to achieve their primary objective in crushing the enemy's strength.

Official military sources claimed Government spearheads were making good progress in clearing the Lungkuang railroad south-west of Tsinang.

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Tribesmen Attack Steamship

London, Feb. 15.
Hundreds of armed tribesmen have attacked the Egyptian ship "Star of Mex" aground in the Persian Gulf and forced the crew to abandon the vessel to save their lives, according to radio messages received in London today.

Two British naval ships may be sent to aid the "Star of Mex" an Admiralty official told Reuter in London.

The vessel — of 1,000 tons — ran aground two miles south of Ras El Khabba in the Bahrain area of the Persian Gulf.

Radio messages from the British tanker "British Destiny," which has gone to the aid of the crew of the "Star of Mex," spoke of over 600 tribesmen, armed with daggers and rifles, swarming aboard.

Reuter.

The British Government was kept fully informed throughout of the Canadian defence plan of collaboration with the United States.

The Times describes the Canadian-United States understanding as "more explicit in detail but more limited in scope than the instructions, to the Joint Defence Board on its establishment in August, 1946."

In an editorial welcoming the agreement, the Times says: "The security of North America is of first importance to the Commonwealth. Thus once again Canada proves a link between the United States and the Commonwealth and finds continued collaboration with both."

"The Canadian policy is also a more demonstration of the truth that the scale of modern war and the range of its weapons make it impossible for security to be organised on a national basis. To be effective it must transcend national frontiers. It must become international and the first practical steps are necessarily regional."—United Press.

THE WEATHER

Pressure is high over Mongolia. A moderate anticyclone over NE China is moving eastwards. A deepening depression to the E of Japan is moving ENE. Pressure is also low to the S of the Philippines in the vicinity of the Marianas and over the equatorial region.

Today's forecast: Moderate or fresh E and NE winds (shoreward); fresh NE offshore; cloudy generally with mist or light rain; by night, morning coastal mist or fog.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 69.6 deg. Fah. Minimum: 51.4 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 14 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total, since Jan. 1: 77.3 mm. as against an average of 56.2 mm.

Baro. at mid. 1017.5 mb. Rel. Humidity: 75. Dew Point: 48.5 deg. F. Wind Direction: ENE. Wind Force: 11. 14 knots.

entire city will be able to continue operations. It is expected this will be a step forward to stabilise the chaotic money market.—Central News.

CRIES OF "SHAME"

London, Feb. 14.
There were cries of "Shame" and "Torture" in the House of Commons today, when Mrs. Barbara Hinton-Gould, Labour, said that Holbourn's women prisoners were locked up at 4.30 p.m. and kept in there until 6 a.m.

"You can imagine the brooding misery of sitting there hour after hour," she said, adding that over 400 in the afternoon until the following morning the prisoners had nothing to eat.—Reuter.

Freighter Ashore On Iwojima

San Francisco, Feb. 15.
The American freighter "Luka Sapor," 3,389 tons, is fast in the reef 50 miles south of Iwojima, and the crew is abandoning ship, according to an SOS intercepted by Globe Wireless at 1330 GMT. The ship called in a message relayed by station KHK, Honolulu, for ships in the vicinity to come to her aid.

Globe Wireless said it heard a coast guard message locating the stricken vessel as on the reef off Minama Iwojima and on the line between Guam and Kyushu.

One unidentified vessel was heard radioing it within 750 miles of the Sapor and steaming to its aid.

The Sapor was listed in the American Bureau of Shipping as cut of Mobeila and belonging to the War Shipping Administration.—Associated Press.

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Asked if the United States would object to the Nationalist ban on circulating United States money as a means of bolstering Chinese currency, General Marshall said he was not competent to decide and said it was a matter for financial experts.—Associated Press.

Committee Chairman Vandenberg, however, said he found the Marshall report "encouraging in many respects."

Serious Crisis
General Marshall declined to elaborate on his hour and a half talk to the Committee. Concerning China, he told the news conference China's financial crisis has long been tragic and now it is even more serious.

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FIRE AT THE GAS WORKS

Exeter, Feb. 14.
Despite the weather and fuel shortage there were many outbreaks of fire today, one being at Exeter, Devon, where firemen fought a blaze for nine hours at the gas works.

Firemen drove ten miles from Exeter over icy roads today and found the charred body of Major A. J. Booh, who was in a burning bus, near Dunstford, Devon.—Reuter.

The Other Side Of The Picture

Manchester, Feb. 15.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told a workers' meeting here today that "despite the serious problems we have to overcome, we shall bring the economic and social life of this country to a new level of prosperity."

Listing British achievements in the last year, he said that in spite of manpower and material shortages, Britain produced 12,000,000 tons of steel ingots—300,000 short of the peacetime record of 1947 and nearly one million tons more than any other power year.

"We built 140,000 temporary and permanent houses, 1,000,000 gross tons of shipping and 360,000 motor vehicles," he added.

"Our farmers produced the greatest milk harvest ever recorded and grew more food. Our miners produced more coal with fewer men."

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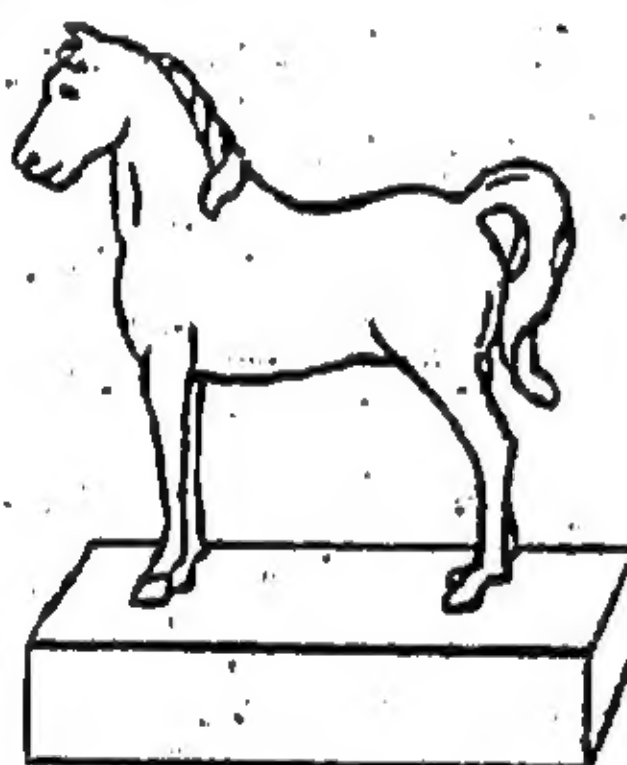
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"Sai On" Enquiry

Passengers Tell Their Stories

Continuing its investigation into the "Sai On" tragedy, the Marine Court of Enquiry, at its second session yesterday, heard the evidence of passenger witnesses of the fire as well as two Indian watchmen who were on duty.

Tam Huen, with his head and left hand bandaged, said he was a passenger on board the ship and occupied a position on the wooden platform on top of the cargo, to the port side of the cooked rice stall. His wife had climbed up on the platform when he suddenly saw a glare as if something had caught fire.

It was a red glow of the size she first saw the fire broke out. Someone shifted the table and others were holding something in trying to put the fire out. She did not see what was burning, his view being obstructed by some people in front of him. Then there was a 'pop' sound as if the fire had spread rapidly. Within five minutes he and his wife had made for the No. 4 cargo port which was congested with people trying to get to the wharf. He was trampled down and burnt in the confusion.

He agreed that if passengers had made for this exit right away without waiting to pick up their belongings more would have been saved, though many could never have escaped especially the women and children.

When he first saw the glare it was by the side of a table locker near the counter, which could have been a passenger's baggage. People trying to put out the fire with blankets moved this table aside. Fanned by the wind the flame spread to port and aft. He did not notice anybody smoking on board.

Hair Singed

Next witness was a young married woman named Chau Ngai, another passenger, who said she boarded the vessel with her husband shortly after 4 a.m. and was directed to a position behind the ice box near the cooked rice stall. She noticed a small wooden table near this stall, close to which

with her husband to No. 4 cargo port; but it was jammed with people. The flame had reached this port by the fire. Fanned by the wind the fire spread rapidly to the stern.

She jumped into the harbour from No. 4 cargo port, but her husband was lost in the fire.

Ram Singh, a watchman employed on the "Sai On", said he was on the wharf and did not see the fire break out. When he heard shouts of fire he ran in to the ship through No. 4 cargo port, and saw the deck burning to his right hand side. There was a chatter about two feet from the ship's side, but it was not lit. Some oil, which he believed to be peanut oil, was burning on the deck. He noticed some drums but could not say what they contained. There was no smell of petrol. He remained on the ship for only two minutes.

Oil Burning

Thakar Singh, another Indian watchman, said he was also on the wharf when the fire broke out and, like the previous witness, rushed back to the ship through No. 4 cargo port when he heard the commotion. He saw oil burning on the deck, and some Chinese were trying to put out the fire with old clothes. He also noticed the chatter by the side of the ship but it was not lit. The fire spread to some paper among the cargo. He remained on board four minutes and escaped back to the wharf.

The last witness was another passenger, Lam Yuen, who had his head and both hands heavily bandaged. He said he took up a position in the centre of the deck opposite No. 4 cargo port, and saw the fire in the passage way in the proximity of the stairway to starboard. He did not see the fire break out. It was first a small heap of fire. He did not see what was burning, nor the colour of the flame, and there were no sparks. There was a wooden keg nearby. He rushed to No. 4 cargo port. His wife was in the water and in trying to pull her up, he was dragged down, but both were eventually saved.

He had not noticed anyone smoking, nor anyone striking a match, and he had seen no oil. The Court then adjourned to 10 a.m. on Monday.

Ball Of Fire

The place was ill lighted and when she first saw a ball of fire a few feet from the cargo port, she thought it was paper burning. When she took another look the ball of fire appeared to burst, and the fire spread rapidly. The colour of the flame was blue and green, and sometimes white, and sparks shot up to the ceiling and in all directions. She was about thirty feet from where the fire broke out. She jumped on the deck, picked up her nephew, and ran

Readers' Letters

Business Tax

Sir,—I wish to compliment Flat Justitia on his clearcut suggestions for balancing the Budget and Government would do well to invite him to attend at conferences dealing with this "burning question."

I think I voice the view of all loyal residents of Hong Kong when I say that we are fully prepared to contribute our full share by way of taxes to enable Government to balance the budget but let the method be a fair one by which all who chose to make use of Hong Kong as a place to earn their living, pay up.

There are too many loopholes in a "business profit tax" which summed up in a nutshell means that all British and Foreign firms will pay, other registered firms with Chinese capital will also pay but the majority of Chinese "hongs" might find a way out not to pay their just dues.

The suggestion of a Government Lottery run on somewhat similar lines as the former International Saving Society should be practical and most beneficial from the point of view of revenue earning but I believe to do this new legislation must first be passed, but this should not be unworkable.

By bringing about a Poll Tax accompanied by the issue of identification cards to all residents the Police Authorities will have a better check on undesirable elements and automatically beggars will not be so prominent.

Of all the suggestions made by Flat Justitia the Sales Tax I feel will bring in more revenue than any scheme of tax on "business profit" or "tax on salaries" and the public as a whole will not be dissatisfied.

A levy of say 1/4% for revenue stamps on all receipts issued is another good idea which will bring in much needed money to Government's coffers.

RIGOR MORTIS.

M.O.s.

Sir,—I reiterate to Anti-Humburg the statement supported by facts in my first letter that the training and standard of Hong Kong medical graduates are not inferior to those of European M.O.s who are trained mainly in the United Kingdom. Not all the medical schools in the U.K. have the same standard; some are better than others, but the local standard must be equal to the average in the United Kingdom otherwise the General Medical Council, England, would not have recognised the local degree and the medical schools in U.K. would not have allowed the graduates to take post graduate studies there.

Anti-Humburg might have missed what the Vice-Chancellor of the H.K. University said that "While recognising our limitations in the matter of post-graduate training, we make no apology for the quality of what has been achieved in the training of undergraduates." The V.C. further stated that "Nevertheless, it would be contrary to all experience to maintain that the product of the better equipped professional or technical school is inevitably and in all cases better than the man from the less well equipped." It is obvious that the G.M.C. representative must have found that the equipment of the local medical school to be satisfactory for all practical purposes.

Anti-Humburg admits that the clinical material in H.K. is unlimited, therefore the graduates have more chance to learn and gain more experience in diagnosis in the important study of tropical diseases on the spot than in the U.K. Before the war many European M.O.s with only the M.B.C.S., I.B.C.P., or the M.B. Ch. B. joined the Colonial Service, and some of them are still serving in the service with no extra degrees. Therefore Anti-Humburg is wrong again to state that they had no chance of appointment in the Colonial Service. And yet, I

reiterate, they are paid very much more!! The majority of Hong Kong graduates can afford 3rd class tickets, but the difficulty is "the financial barrier" of staying a year or two in the U.K. for post graduate studies.

No one belittles the medical schools in the U.K. On the contrary, a good many of the poorer local graduates look forward to gaining scholarships for post graduate studies in Britain while the many who could afford it have gone and "have done credit to their training in H.K."

It is most refreshing to hear even from Anti-Humburg that no one would begrudge the local appointees their promotion. Is it not high time that an enlightened Government policy "that gives the local graduates an opportunity to demonstrate their quality" be put into effect?

Classical Requests

Sir,—I would like to bring to your notice and to the listeners of "The Classical Request Programme" broadcast from Z.B.V. (Radio) that in my opinion there appears to be far too much time wasted on certain pieces of music. For instance, on Wednesday last the 12th Feb. one request occupied approximately forty minutes leaving only twenty minutes for the remainder. I wonder whether or not those listeners, making requests for long symphonic pieces, consider the other listener who may wait a few weeks for his request to be played owing to such a wastage of time spent over these pieces. I am very fond of music myself but I would suggest that all requests are confined to fifteen minutes or so as a maximum and thus be quite fair to all listeners.

In the past the Classical Request Programme was a really enjoyable hour, for in those days it was usual for the main movements only of a long piece of music to be played instead of occupying the greater part of a short programme.

STILL WAITING.

Price Control Additions

The following additions and amendments to the Price Control schedule were gazetted yesterday:

Cigarettes	Maximum Retail Price
Claviers (Magnums Plain) (per pkt. of 10)	HK\$0.40
Federal (per pkt. of 10)	40
Motor Vehicles	
Deluxe 5 passenger Coupe (each)	HK\$12,250.00
Wolsley 8 h.p. (each)	7,800.00
Scrap Requisites	
Scrap, Toilet, made in China (per tablet)	HK\$1.50
The following items are detailed:	
Cigarettes	Maximum Retail Price
Abdulla Imperial Preference (per pkt. of 10)	HK\$0.40
Abdulla Imperial Preference (per tin of 50)	2.20
Glass—10. oz. (per sq. ft.)	HK\$0.55
and substituted by the following:	
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Abdulla Imperial Preference (Magnum size) (per pkt. of 10)	HK\$0.50
Abdulla Imperial Preference (Magnum size) (per tin of 50)	2.30
Abdulla Imperial Preference (Standard size) (per pkt. of 10)	40
Abdulla Imperial Preference (Standard size) (per tin of 50)	2.00
Glass	
18 oz. quality and under, when uncut (per sq. ft.)	HK\$0.55
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Over 18 oz. quality and up to and including 24 oz. quality, when uncut (per sq. ft.)	95
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Insufficient Reason For Dismissal

At the conclusion of yesterday's resumed hearing at the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice T.W. Gould awarded \$211.50 to Lo Chiu, printer, of No. 39, Connaught Road, Central, who instituted legal proceedings against his former employer, Chan Shiu-man, manager and partner of the Kinson Printing Press, No. 7, Si Hong Lane, for back wages and allowances amounting to \$399.50, plus costs.

Lo claimed payment from Chan of one month's wages, \$140, in lieu of notice; of seven days' wages, \$31.50, allegedly due him; of one month's boarding allowance, \$60; and of overtime pay for 38 Sundays, \$168, bringing the total to \$399.50.

Called as witness for Chan yesterday, the manager of another printing press in Shamshuipo said that according to regulations of the printers' union, he should work 56 hours per week. If he worked eight hours a day, then they were not entitled to have Sundays off, the witness added.

Giving judgment, His Lordship said that he was satisfied that Chan had not sufficient reason to dismiss Lo.

Continuing, Mr. Justice Gould said that he was also satisfied with Chan's version that Lo's pay was \$120 a month.

His Lordship ordered Chan to pay Lo one month's wages, \$120, in lieu of notice, one month's boarding allowance, \$60; and seven days' wages, \$31.50, due to him, amounting to \$211.50, plus costs.

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Tee H.), 50, Maedonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today. The programme, consisting mainly of works by Russian composers, will include the following:—Overture "The Thieving Magpie" by Rossini, "Prince Igor" Dances by Borodin and Rimsky-Korsakov, La Boutique Fantasque by Ravel, and Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Military Compensate Landlord

The Military Authorities have agreed to compensate the landlord of 312 Nathan Road, Mr. Carlos Chan, for the cost of repairs to the verandah stanchions which were damaged by a 15-cwt. weapons-carrier at 2.30 a.m. on Feb. 8. It was learned yesterday.

It was further learned that compensation covering rental and employees' salaries for the three or four days during which the store was forced to suspend business, will be paid to the Golden Star & Co., occupiers of the ground floor.

It will be recalled that as the result of the accident, SQM Harris of the Royal Army Ordnance Corp was killed while SQM Smith, also of the R.A.O.C., was seriously injured.

Money Market

Chinese National Currency was steady yesterday and rates showed an improvement on the previous day's quotations. Futures rose from 38 cents to 42 cents for CNI\$1,000. Spot closed at 32 cents.

The drop in gold price was also checked. Opening at \$222 a tael it closed at \$223.75, though at one stage it had dropped to \$226.

Piastres fluctuated between \$11.85 and \$12.42 per 100. The market closed at \$12.20.

U.S. dollars were unchanged at \$4.93. Sterling was stronger at \$15.20; and Australian pounds unchanged at \$12.55.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsular Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, A.C. Meyer, W. Krayland, P. Lamprich, D.S. Doyle, Fritz W.G. Hamilton, T.H. Law, C.F. Lambert, W. Glover, E.E. Rivers and M. Franzen.

Peninsular departures:—Miss N. C. Young, W.G. Holliday, L. Cook, Miss L. Armstrong, Miss C.E. Dornard, Mrs. E.S. Bennett, L.H. Davis and Maj. H.L. Farmer.

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Everyone Took A Serious View

When seven Chinese female employees of the Kowloon Naval Dockyard victualing stores office pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer to a charge of larceny, S.I. Askew, the Court, that the naval authorities took a very serious view of the case as this sort of larceny had been going on for months.

On being searched as they were leaving the Dockyard after work, said S.I. Askew, a married woman, was found to have on her person one pair of stockings and a pullover; Lung Su-cheng, married woman, Ng Sau-king, spinster, and Wu Chun, spinster, were each wearing the two pairs of underpants; Li Sau-wah, spinster, had on her three pairs of underpants, while Yan Chun, married woman, and Kwan Lam-mui, widow, each were in possession of a pair of stockings.

Stating that he also took a serious view of the case, His Lordship fined each defendant \$50.

HENNESSY'S HERE!

Now in Hong Kong for a short visit as part of his inspection tour of representative firms in the Far East is the Hon. Mr. Frederick Hennessy, head of the big brandy firm.

Mr. Hennessy arrived here on Friday from England by E.A.C. flying boat. While in Hong Kong he will stay with Mr. Pollock of Jardine, Matheson & Co.

A cocktail party has been arranged in the Kam Ling Restaurant on Wednesday next and invitations have been issued to 150 guests including Government officials, prominent bankers, and Chinese business men.

For attaching a camera from Lt. S. Horton of the U.S. Navy in Des Voeux Road Central on Friday to four months imprisonment by day, Ng Yee-kau was sentenced to four months imprisonment by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

NOMA TOLD HIM HE WANTED POPULATION CONTENTED

Testifying before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday, Mr. R. S. Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that Colonel Noma had told him that the people of Hong Kong, having enjoyed the benefits of British rule, would not respond to methods adopted by the Japanese Gendarmerie in other occupied territory.

Mr. Smith also said that Noma told him that the Japanese intended to use Hong Kong as a base for operations in the Pacific and that it was necessary to have a contented population rather than a turbulent population bent on sabotaging the Army's lines of communication.

Mr. Smith said the first met Colonel Noma about a week after his arrival, but could not remember the date. After that, he had many interviews with him regarding quinquins and collaborators in Hong Kong during the occupation. At these interviews, conversations took place regarding tortures.

On two occasions, Major Shiozawa and Major Hiraio were present. Both said that they made no report at any time to Noma regarding tortures. In the case of Shiozawa, he said he had deliberately concealed from Noma many things that happened. Hiraio said that he made no report to Noma at any time regarding tortures.

Mr. Smith said that Noma also told him that during the assault on the Island, his Battle Headquarters were at North Point to which a party of British people came. As the Japanese attack had reached its maximum and they had failed to take the Island, the Operational Commander was going to launch a new air assault, Noma said that he then allowed Messrs. Shields and Manners to go through the Japanese lines on a peace mission to save the City of Victoria from complete destruction by aerial bombardment.

Contempt For Noma

Mr. Smith said that in the beginning, he found Noma in a very bad physical and mental condition.

Cross-examined, Mr. Smith said that Hiraio admitted discovering, by means of "spot inspections," isolated cases of torture, but suspected that there were many other cases.

Shiozawa told Mr. Smith that he felt a certain amount of contempt for Noma, who was that type of schoolmaster who ought not to know too much about the matters of the Gendarmerie. Shiozawa said that the only thing for the people was the iron hand and that was the policy he had learned in Manchuria and which he pursued here. He was afraid that Noma would punish him for carrying out this policy and that was one of the reasons why he felt contempt for him. Mr. Smith said that Shiozawa was quite cynical about the matter and said he was prepared to die. Shiozawa admitted that he was aware of and countenanced tortures in Kowloon. He said that Noma frequently asked him if he was sure that nothing was going on and that if it was, it must be stopped.

Mr. Smith said that when he first met Noma, the latter was glassy-eyed, dazed and incoherent and "repeatedly muttered: 'I told them not to torture people—I told them not to keep people in custody for more than 24 hours.'"

Winning People's Minds

Noma had said that it was not his policy to consider the Gendarmerie in Hong Kong on the same lines as the Japanese Gendarmerie in other occupied territory were conducted, as the people of Hong Kong, having enjoyed the benefits of British rule, would not respond

to such methods. Noma said that he wanted to win the minds of the people by propaganda, rather than by force. Furthermore, it was the intention of the Japanese to use Hong Kong as a base for operations in the Pacific war. Noma therefore wanted to have a contented population, which would take fewer tortures to control, than to have a turbulent population sabotaging the Army's lines of communication.

Mr. Smith said that he did not think any love was lost between Shiozawa and Noma. Concluding, Mr. Smith said that when he first met Noma, he thought the man's sanity was in danger, but about April 1946, he began to show signs of improvement and started to remember names of prominent people and could identify photographs. He also gave evidence against a woman informer, who was sentenced to one day's imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions and could remember the

Stag Hotel Appeal

The legal dispute between seven partners of the Stag Hotel, 148-50 Queen's Road, Central, over the management of the establishment pending the hearing of the appellant's claim for dissolution of partnership, came to an end yesterday when Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould in the Full Court of Appeal delivered written judgment in favour of the appellants.

This was the sequel to an appeal lodged by five of the seven partners against a decision, rendered earlier by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, in Chambers, rejecting the appellants' application for the appointment of a receiver.

Appellants were Li Tsu-chiu, Li Kiu-po, Ho Chun-suen, Wong Chan-shi and Tong King-fong, while respondents were Ngor Chuk-kam and Kan Chi-ping.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, represented the appellants, while Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. C. S. Ford, appeared for the respondents.

Delivering judgment, their Lordships said:

"This is an appeal against the decision of Williams J., refusing an application for the appointment of a receiver pending the hearing of the appellants' claim for dissolution of partnership. At the first hearing of the appeal, the appellants applied for leave to produce additional evidence, which was granted, so this Court has had the advantage of a more comprehensive survey of the position than the learned Judge.

"The principle upon which a Court acts with regard to the appointment of a receiver in these cases is that if the Court can presently see that a dissolution must inevitably be decreed on the hearing of the action, it follows very much of course that a receiver will be appointed, but if the case stands in such a state that the Court cannot see whether it will be dissolved or not, it will not take into its own hands the conduct of a partnership which may or may not be dissolved (Goodman v. Whitcomb 1 S. & W. 589). Into which category then does the present case fall?

"As to this, any member of a partnership, the duration of which is undefined, has a right, subject to any agreement between the parties to dissolve it at any moment he pleases, and the issue of the writ in O.J. of 1946 plainly indicates a desire on the part of those partners who are plaintiffs in that action, to wind up the concern, and there is nothing before the Court to show that the partnership, or (if there were two) either partnership, was other than a partnership at will. It was indeed suggested, somewhat tentatively, by Mr. d'Almada that it might transpire in subsequent proceedings that it was agreed that the alleged Hop Kee partnership should be for a term which has not yet expired. But if there was such a term, its existence would be known to the present defendants and, since

REVENUE DEPT.'S LOSS

A white canvas hood valued at \$200 was stolen from the Austin Utility van of the Revenue Department between 10 p.m. on Friday and 1 a.m. yesterday. The van was parked outside the Fire Brigade Building in Connaught Road Central at the offices of the Import and Export Department. There were two revenue officers and a constable on duty near by.

APPOINTED

The following appointments etc. were gazetted yesterday:—
Miss Maud Ward to be a member of the Nurses' Board, Miss Lau Mei-yuk.
Mr. J. Hargreaves to act as Treasury Inspector in the absence of Mr. A. J. C. Taylor.
Mal Sompong Bunnag, appointed Siam Government Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong.

PORTUGUESE REMANDED

Victor Edward de Faria Neves, 21, Portuguese, of 153 Prince Edward Road, was remanded three days in Police custody when he pleaded not guilty to having left the roof of a Chatham Road at 2.50 p.m. on Feb. 14 with intent to commit a felony, when he appeared before Mr. Latimer yesterday.

S.I. Askew, prosecuting, stated that as accused said in his statement in answer to the charge: "I wish to get a solicitor," and as he was not in a position to do so himself, it would be in his interests if he were remanded in order that the police might communicate with his father.

In Brief

Sheet glass of all kinds has been added to the list of goods prohibited for export.

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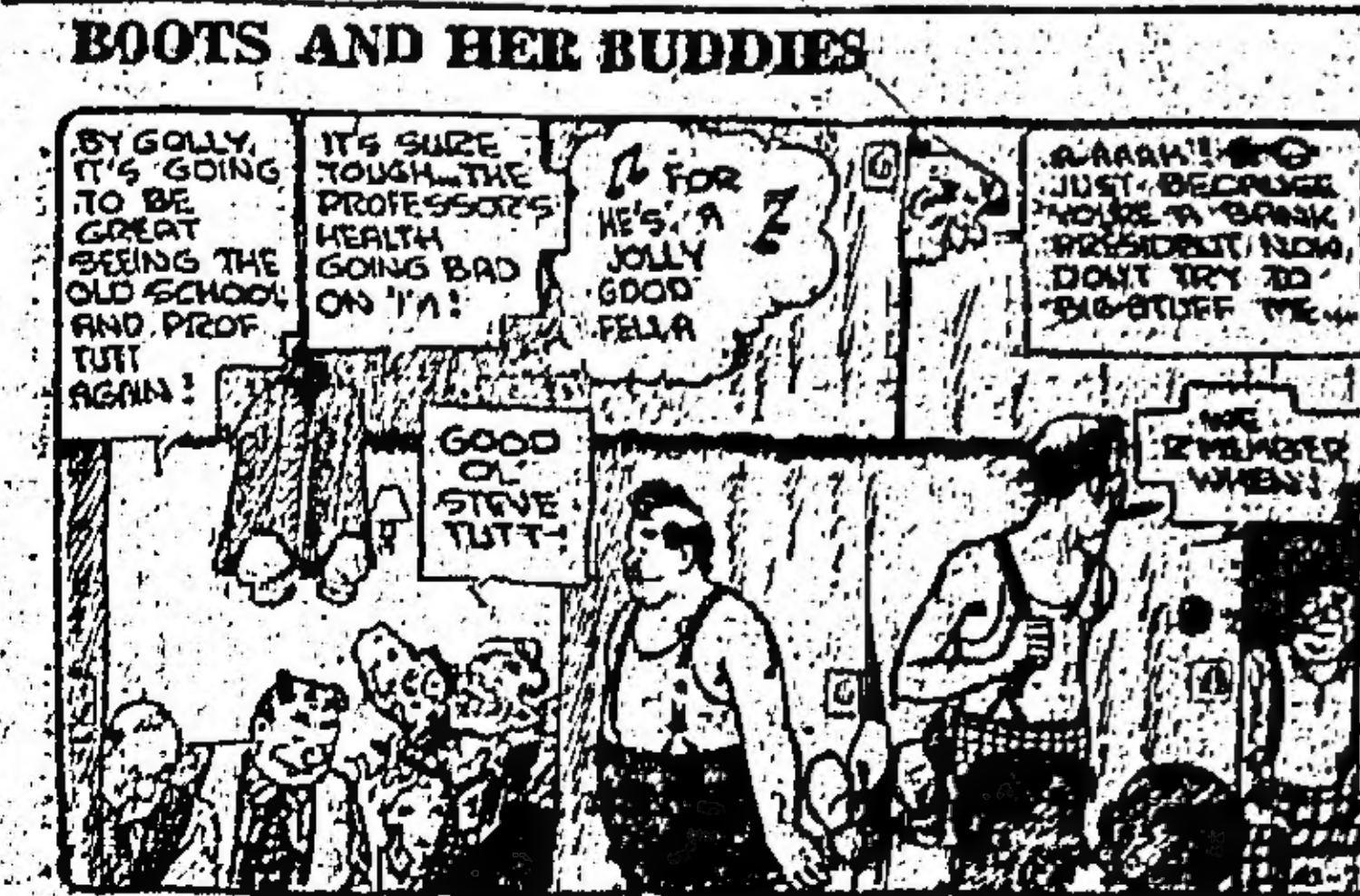
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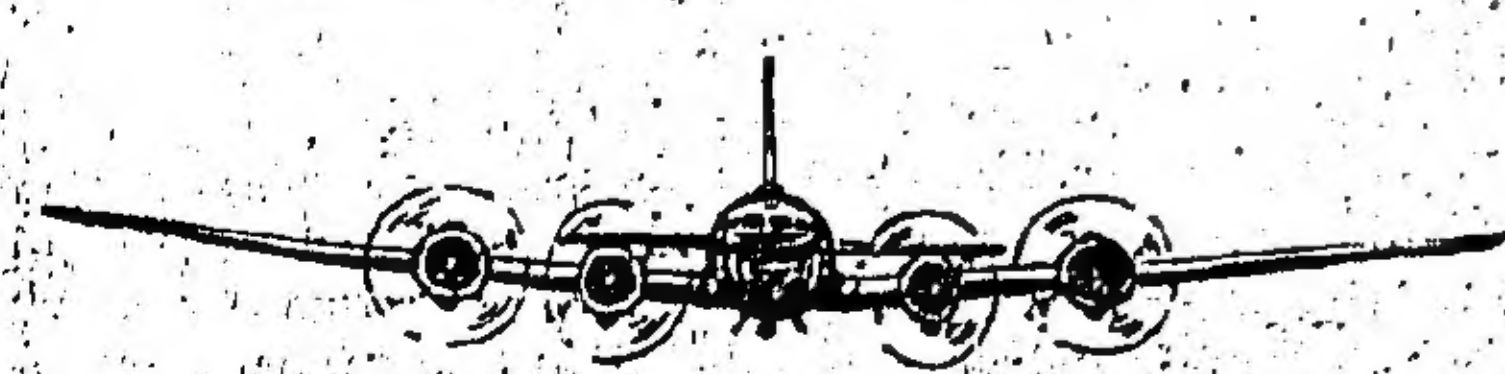
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ALTERNATIVES

The search for alternatives to
income tax which is now going
on in correspondence columns and
public discussion is primarily
symptomatic of the widespread
conviction that Government is
not in a position to ensure equi-
table distribution of the tax. It is
the dissatisfaction on that score
which gives so much strength and
conviction to the opposition, rather
than the very real shock occasioned
by the over-ambitious aims of
Government's financial advisers.
Income tax has operated in all
parts of the world with such suc-
cess that its application to Hong
Kong cannot easily, in principle,
be challenged. Indirect taxation
is, in most respects, a relatively
painless method of extraction, and
therefore more readily acceptable,
but there can be no argument,
given the right conditions, that
income tax is more definitely
calculated to place the burden of
taxation where it is most com-
fortably borne. The high levels
of salaries tax which have been
recommended to Government seem
outrageous to those whose bud-
gets are in constant conflict with
prices, and considerable modifica-
tion must emerge from the con-
siderations preceding the develop-
ment of the final formula if there
is not to be grave hardship and
disquiet. Protest would however
be less vehement even in respect
of such levels if there were ac-
ceptable assurance of equitable
distribution of the inclusion with-
in the scope of the tax of all who
should properly come within the
Commissioner's reach. Given
these essential conditions, the
gross revenue from this source, at
such levels, would be so high that
the taxpayer could, confidently
expect compensatory reliefs of
taxation of other kinds. Very
largely, his ground for grievance
would be cut from beneath him.
As it is, he sees an outlook no
brighter than the threat of a tax
that is punitive in its range and
that is directed, by force of cir-
cumstances, against a very re-
stricted section of this community,
and that section by no means fit-
ted to carry the burden, economic
conditions in the Colony being
what they are. It is too much to
expect that Government will al-
together abandon the income tax
project, which is, in reality, a
series of taxes similar to those de-
vised under the pre-war War
Taxation Ordinance, but there is
a justifiable demand for more
reasonable assessment scales than
have been contemplated. Conces-
sion will result in a substantial
reduction in the gross revenue to
which Government can look from
this source—that goes without
saying—but the answer is to be
found in delving for the differ-
ence in additional indirect tax-
ation. Several suggestions have
been made with this in view. Poll
tax, lotteries and purchase tax are
among them. To the first two,
strong objections are bound to be
forthcoming. The merit that
might reside in successfully insist-
ing that every individual resident
in the Colony should be in pos-
session of an identification paper is
probably outweighed by the
many other considerations in-
volved, not the least of them the
creation of a sort of Gestapo at-
mosphere potential, not to men-
tion merchandise for a new rack-
et. The Purchase Tax would,
we feel assured, be accepted with
resignation, if not generous ap-
proval, simply on the ground that
it would ensure that the great
mass of the population would
thereby contribute their fair share,
big or small, to the cost of stable
government. The same end might
be gained by an ad valorem im-
port tax on all commodities, ex-
cept food, a measure which would
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a continent apart. I wonder if
one of the men, Andrew Vol-
stead, knew that the other,
whom he helped to create, Al
Capone, was on his deathbed.

And I wonder if Scarface
Capone was told of Andrew
Volstead's death. The thoughts
of the two men would doubtless
have made interesting reading.
The narrative masterpiece of
the Roaring Twenties in Amer-
ica was the prohibitionist vic-
tory over Demon Rum.

It was just after the Armis-
tice and before three million
disfranchised American soldiers
could get home and vote. A
morally hysteria gripped the
country. In the war an av-
erage man and the White House
and crime succeeded at last in
squeezing the bulbous "nose
of Boze."

The Anti-Saloon League
wrote an Act. They looked
around for a likely Congress-
man to sponsor it—and found
Andrew Volstead, mild-mannered
former schoolteacher turned
lawyer and politician.

The Amendment to the Con-
stitution had simply prohibited
the sale of liquor. Volstead's
Act gave precision to the
Amendment by specifying pen-
alties, defining what was a
saloon, and so on.

Andrew Volstead thus became
the "Father of Prohibition,"
and had the most famous name
in America for more than a
decade. During this period his
name appeared more times in
print than any other.

Andrew Volstead's most im-
portant constructive legislation
is forgotten. It was the Farm-
ers' Cooperative Act. Only
his "bungle" brought him
fame.

Just after announcement of
the death of Mr. Volstead came
the death of Al Capone was dy-
ing, had received the last rites
of the Roman Church. Strange
coincidence.

For Al Capone also made his
name from the fact of Prohi-
bition.

Bodyguard

In 1923 a Chicago bear king
named Johnny Torrio sat play-
ing cards with some of his
lieutenants at his gambling

club Four Deuces. Machine-
gun bullets suddenly sprayed
the walls, chipped the desk and
dead entered Torrio's body. He
survived, but took the gentle
hint, retired from business, and
returned to his native Italy.

Four years previously he had
hired a bodyguard named Al-
phonse Capone. In 1923 his body-
guard became the boss.

Al had come to Chicago as the
graduate of a very select school
of crime in New York City, the
Five Points Gang. His teachers
included people like Leftie Louie
and Gyp the Blood.

But he brought to Chicago a
genius of his own. He was a
smart business man. His inter-
locking lists of crime—beer, booze,
and gambling—were carefully
modelled on the directives of the
great corporations.

In organising and co-ordinating
his multiple rackets, Capone
copied the tactics of "legitimate"
business barons like Insull and
other monopolists—by pitting sub-
ordinates against each other and
killing off would-be competitors.

Like other Chicago business-
men, Scarface Capone knew the
value of political affiliations. He
paid more than \$500,000 per year
to politicians and officials.

He was completely non-parti-
san. He supported the "Prohi-
bition" government of Mayor
Dewey and was equally helpful to
Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson, the
most corrupt mayor Chicago has
ever had.

Scarface didn't merely buy the
government—he was the govern-
ment.

He had an empire of 10,000
beer joints, which grossed some
\$15,000,000 in 1927 alone. He had
a private army of over 700 killers
to do his bidding.

500 Dead

Not everyone was satisfied to
see Capone rule. A West Side
Gang, led by the notorious Dion
O'Banion, one day decided
Capone's time had come.

In broad daylight, with a pro-
cession of six big black auto-
mobiles, the O'Banion crowd
machine-gunned the Hawthorne
Hotel, where Scarface was dining.
Capone escaped by lying flat on
the floor with his head in a brass
spittoon.

When he rose from the floor he
decided O'Banion and his gang
had over-stepped the boundaries
of propriety.

On February 14, 1927, St.
Valentine's Day, in a North
Clark-street garage, seven mem-
bers of the O'Banion gang were
waiting when a big black police
car arrived.

When the Blackwood conven-
tion then disclosed to South
that North had the one missing
king and one of the two miss-
ing aces, he made the correct
bid of 6-No Trumps. If North,
in answer to the 5-No Trumps
question about kings, had in-
dicated a lack of them with 6-
Clubs, South was going to leave
the contract here and make
North try to catch the club K
in a finesse, which was a 50-
50 chance in view of South's
holding.

The more important factor,
however, was that South, who
had started the Blackwood, was
the only one of the two part-
ners in position to know
whether any aces—or kings—
were out against the side. He
knew all about the defenders
holding one, so was making a
very sound decision when he
called the 6-No Trumps. North
should have let that decision
stand, instead of taking it out
to the unmakeable 7-Clubs, which
got set by the heart A lead.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 6 4 2
H A 7 6 4 8
D K 4
C 7 3

S 103 H 98
H K 98
D A 107 W E
C K 194 S 87
H Q J 1052
D 932
C 852

S A Q J 9 5
H None
D Q 8 6 5
C A Q 10 8
(Dealer: North. Neither side
vulnerable).

If South bids 1-Spade, North
3-Spades and South 6-Spades,
what is the best defence against
the contract?

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42 before I find one that fits!"

Stalin Still Is Fit
And Well

I interviewed Josef Stalin in
his office in the Kremlin on the
night of December 21, 1946. It
was Stalin's 67th birthday. Al-
phonse Capone, the famous
Russian interpreter, and my wife
were present.

As we entered the long, plain-
ly furnished room, Stalin walked
towards me with arm out-
stretched.

He said: "I am very sorry that
I kept you waiting in Moscow so
long for this interview. I must
apologize, but the truth is that I
have been on a vacation. I plan-
ned to return earlier, but my doc-
tor ordered me to lose four kilo-

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grams (about nine pounds) of
weight. I found out that this
was more difficult than I expected."
So I had to postpone my in-
terview for four days.

I thanked him for his courtesy
in receiving us, and we both con-
gratulated him on his birthday
and wished him many happy
returns.

During our long interview I ob-
served Stalin's appearance and
mannerisms very carefully.

So far as I could tell, his health
was good. He was sun-tanned
and looked thinner than when I
had last seen him with my father
at Tehran in December, 1943. It
was hard to believe that he was
67 years old.

His hair is definitely greayer and
thinner than it was three years
ago. His skin has the slight
mottled look that so many elderly
people acquire as they grow older.

His eyes were the same, how-
ever. They have the same snap and
sparkle of tolerant good humor.
Stalin smoked one cigarette
after another, always a Russian
brand four inches long, with a
brass and a quarter devoted to
three-quarters of an inch to a car-
board holder which is pinched and
twisted before the cigarette is
lighted.

The voice that spoke was quiet
and occasionally deepening in
tone as he made some point
with particular emphasis. He
spoke with precision and without
hesitation, tempering the speed of
his answers to accommodate Pav-
lov and me. It was not the voice
of an invalid. It was the strong
voice of a man sure of his thesis.

Stalin wore the greybeard dress
uniform of the Soviet army, with
the large gold star of a Generalis-
sim on his red-and-gold epau-
lettes and a single decoration on
his tunic. The decoration was the
gold star of Hero of Socialist
Labour.

Two plain-clothes men entered
the garage and the rattle of ma-
chine-guns spelled the death of
the evening. The "police" and
"plain-clothes" men re-entered
their car and drove off. Capone
had squared accounts.

When the Federal authorities
finally sent Al Capone to jail on
Alcatraz in 1931, for income-tax
evasion, Prohibition was nearly
finished. The Capone Gang had
by that time accounted for the
lives of over 500 people.

With the passing of Volstead
and Capone a fantastic story
comes to an end.

Volstead, the man who, while
himself a legislator, did not ob-
ject to drinking in moderation,
whose Act set off the era of the
"rookery" and the gangsters—
of "Lena" Diamond and Spider
Kelly and Dutch Schultz and Al
Capone.

And Al Capone himself, who
must have been grateful once in
while for the fact that a man
named Volstead put his name to
a Prohibition Act and handed the
Gang a fortune, and the world a
crazy spectacle.

ORMUS DAVENPORT

My wife said "please get up—
it might be the coalman at the
door."

I looked at my watch. 10.30
a.m. an hour and a half before
our pampered little electric
heater sucked any warmth from
the main, cut off by orders of
H.M. Government.

The classic Americanism "I
shouldn't stand in bed" flitted
through my mind as I rose to
meet a member of 1947's royal
family—the coalman.

"Any reputable packing house
could have run our bedroom
as a meat refrigerator. Any self-
respecting man would expect
central heating, but a Victorian
landlady of a converted-Victorian
mansion maintained respect for
the late Queen.

The man at the door had clean
although frost-bitten face. He
was not the coalman and not
even the millman—with cur-
rationed pint delivered every
other day.

The postman cheerfully handed
me a letter from the London
Electrical Company. It said I
owed U.S.\$50 for six weeks in
pre-switched days. Fifty dollars
for lights and two electric
heaters. There was also a letter
from my mother in Los Angeles.
She said the heat was unbear-
able there.

On well, the switchoff was
saving me money, providing my
wife's children did not require
medical attention and my cold
did not get any worse.

Shutting the dull gray outside
from our "de luxe flat"—the
rent is U.S.\$120 monthly ex-
clusive of "lights, telephone—
I faced a dull gray inside. The
barred fireplace distinctly laughed
at me. It reminded me the district
fuel board allocated us half a
ton a month ago—the coal is al-
located on a basis of the size of
your house.

The open hearth grinned its
conviction the private coal com-
pany to which my allocation had
been directed would never de-
liver that precious black stuff.

I had told a sympathetic fellow
at Frank Butt and Sons, the coal
company, that my wife was ill. He
said his horses were too, so I offered
him one of my last "precious"
American cigarettes. He said he
did not smoke.

"It's too cold to tramp around
town begging for that extra pack
under the counter," he said. "I
said it was too cold in our flat—
and a few other things. He was
not sympathetic when I left."

I guess that was the fire-
place looking so bare. We had
just burned wood—50 skinnies
for 15 s. but the stuff was
sucked through and when it
finally caught the heat it hardly
nudged the room's constant chill.

In the kitchen I scraped around
for breakfast out of our weekly
rations. My wife, a help me,
was honestly ill; she dreamed of
fresh boiled eggs as the stairway
to recovery. O'week ago we had
received our egg ration as this
week only priority customers,
such as invalids, received them.

At least there was coffee—the
English variety—and we could
not find a percolator in London.
I decided to make two cups
of tea.

Our gas stove was still work-
ing, then the papers arrived. Mr.
Atlee said gas, too, might be
cut off. In a sudden fury born
of complete futility I tried to
light every hole on the gas ring
in our tiny kitchen.

I thought it was the matches
that were wrong—only a few
matches left out of the one box
obtainable per week. No. The
match was all right. The jets
just did not have enough gas
pouring through to flare up
normally. Each needle-like open-
ing needed personal attention.

That ended my dream of a
hot bath. Our water system is
heated by gas.
A glance outside the icy win-
dow confirmed my worst suspi-
cions. It was snowing again. I
ran through the gray, unit
front room without looking at
the fire and hurried myself into
bed.

"Was it the coalman," my wife
said sleepily.
"No," I said.

My watch said 10.45 a.m. My
stomach said it was hungry and
my brain asked: "England can
make it but, can it?—United Press.

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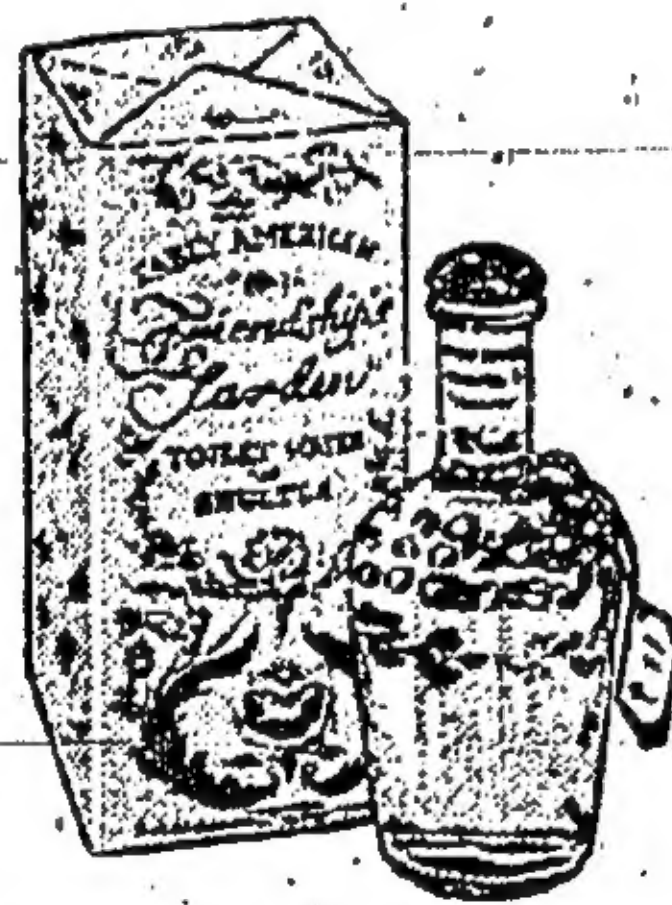
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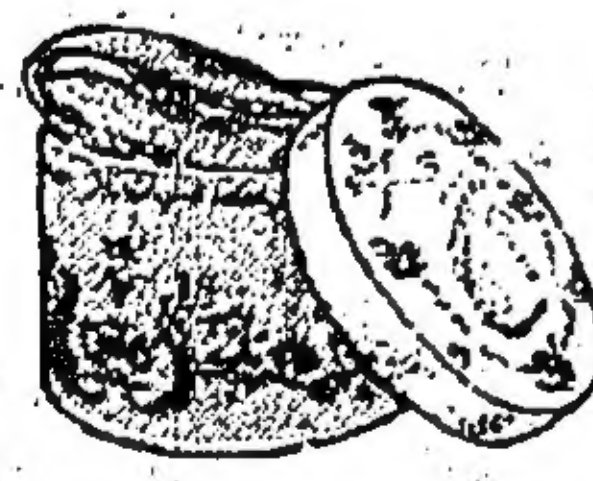
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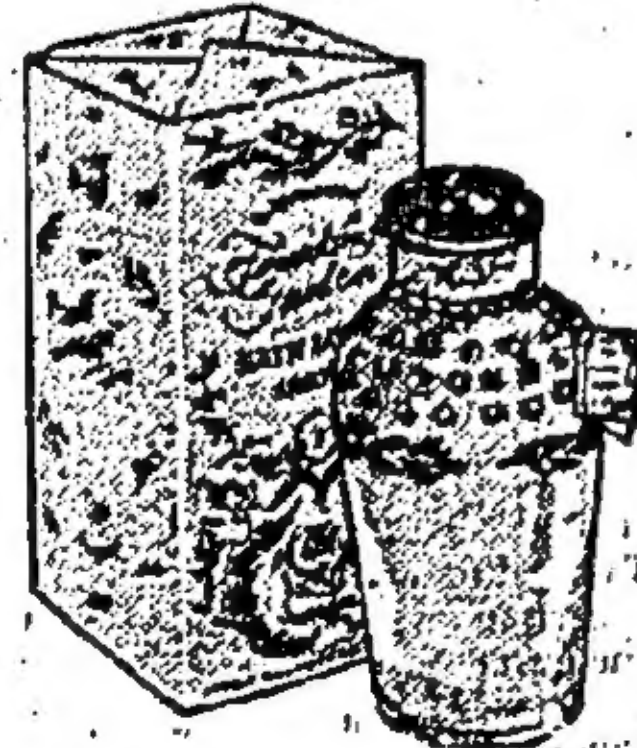
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DEFENCE WHITE PAPER

Armed Forces Now At Minimum

Colonel On Bribe Charges

Cairo, Feb. 14.

Charges of receiving bribes totalling £47,000 from Egyptian war contractors as a reward for giving contracts, were preferred at a court martial here against Lieutenant Colonel James Sinclair-Dawson.

He pleaded not guilty. The first charge alleged that between Sept. 1, 1945 and Aug. 7, 1946 when he was assistant director of the Hittings and Disposal Branch of General Headquarters, Middle East Land Forces, he conspired with Colonel Beale, and Major White, of the Royal Ulster Rifles and other persons, to accept money from persons seeking Crown contracts.

Other charges accused him of receiving bribes including three of £1,000.

The court adjourned until today.—Reuter.

DEATH SENTENCE CONFIRMED

Jerusalem, Feb. 14.

General Sir Evelyn Barker, retiring General Officer Commanding a Palestine, confirmed the death sentences passed by a military court on Monday on three Jewish terrorists found guilty of carrying arms on the night when Major Paddy Brett and the British staff sergeants were flogged.

Sir Evelyn leaves for Britain this week on relinquishing his Palestine command.—Reuter.

Safeguard Against Attack

London, Feb. 14.

Declaring that the supreme object of British policy must be to prevent war, a White Paper on defence, issued by the Government today, states: "The role of our forces, therefore, must be to deter aggression, while at the same time safeguarding British interests against attack."

Outlining the place of defence in national policy in peacetime against this background, the White Paper says that to maintain the British armed forces at the minimum number necessary, a major demand must continue to be made on the manpower of the United Kingdom, both for their uniform personnel and also for those engaged on the production of service arms and equipment.

The number of men and women estimated as serving in the forces on March 31, 1946, totals 1,087,000, as compared with the figure of 1,427,000 on Dec. 31, 1946, the document continues.

As regards manpower for service production, research and development, the British Government a year ago set a target of 500,000 to be reached by Dec. 31, 1946. This figure was actually reached in October, 1946. By the end of December the number employed on production, etc., for the services had fallen to 459,000.

The White Paper says that it has been possible to reduce the British forces in Germany to some extent, but the necessity for the retention of adequate strength, both from the point of view of internal security and to support the policy of the Central Council in Berlin remains undiminished.

Army in Greece

"It is necessary to retain forces in Austria until a peace treaty has been ratified and agreement is reached for the withdrawal of the Allied force," the document adds.

Referring to Italy, it says that when the Italian peace treaty has been ratified by all the powers concerned, it will be possible to withdraw the British forces from Venezia Giulia with the exception of the British contingent of the small international force which in accordance with the draft treaty, will remain in Trieste free territory, at the disposal of the governor until the new regime is fully established.

"We have been able to reduce the size of our forces in Greece and the remainder will, it is hoped, stay for a limited period only," the White Paper adds.

"In Palestine, the preservation of law and order and the control of illegal immigration requires the presence of substantial forces (if all three services," the report continues.

H.K. Garrison

"Adequate forces of all three services will be required in the Mediterranean and the Middle East to safeguard our communications. We must also continue to supply small garrisons for the British Colonies."

On the question of British forces in India, Burma and the Far East, the White Paper states that British forces are required in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf, and some forces are also being retained for the present in India and Burma.

"We must maintain forces in the Far East to provide garrisons for British territory, including Hong Kong and Malaya, and to assist in maintaining security."

"It is the intention of His Majesty's Government," the White Paper continues, "to play their part in the occupation of Japan although some reduction in the size of our contingent is being made."

"Our tasks in the Netherlands East Indies have been completed, and all our forces withdrawn."

"Small British forces will be required to provide support for the local forces in the West Indies."

The Minimum

The White Paper shows expenditure cuts on the Army, Navy and Air Force and Supply Services amounting to nearly half compared to last year—from £1,667,000,000 to £899,000,000 in 1947-48.

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, has estimated that another 500,000 workmen are needed to enable the nation to achieve its production target in export industries. Industries producing for home consumption also need another

500,000, according to some estimates.

"The demand on the manpower resources of the country, which is admittedly heavy, must be considered against the background of world-wide commitments," the White Paper said.

"Improvements in the international situation may permit of reductions... but on present information His Majesty's Government are satisfied that the numbers wanted for the armed forces... are the minimum required."

Reuter and Associated Press.

B.B.C. CRITIC

Sydney, Feb. 15.

Some B.B.C. material is so bad that if used it would put the Australian Broadcasting Corporation off the air, according to N. H. Pringle, a former B.B.C. senior variety producer who is now with the A.B.C.

Pringle, who said his duties included censorship of B.B.C. programmes sent to the A.B.C., made the statement when supporting a demand for a wage rise by A.B.C. senior officers.—Associated Press.

Palestine Problem To Go Before U.N.O.

London, Feb. 14.

The British Government has decided to refer the whole problem of Palestine to the United Nations as no proposals put forward by Britain had proved acceptable as a basis for further discussion by the Jews and Arabs, according to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking to the Arab delegates at the final session of the Palestine conference.

The leader of each of the Arab delegations again emphasised that no proposal which involved any form of partition or Jewish immigration would be acceptable as a basis for solution of the problem.

Palestine a thorn in Britain's side ever since General Allenby drove the Turks out of Jerusalem in 1917—probably will continue to be so, by 100,000 British troops and government by the present administration until the United Nations decides what to do.

but Britain is in a such haste to shelve the problem that a Foreign Office spokesman indicated she may ask the UNO Security Council to call a special meeting of the General Assembly to consider the situation.

Under ordinary procedure the Assembly would not meet until September.

There was no definite indication that Britain—which has set up plans for the independence of India and Burma and initiated military withdrawal from Egypt—would propose her permanent withdrawal from Palestine too.

Whether she will recommend a specific plan for Palestine to the United Nations, or merely turn over all suggested plans without recommendation, may be announced in the House of Commons on Monday.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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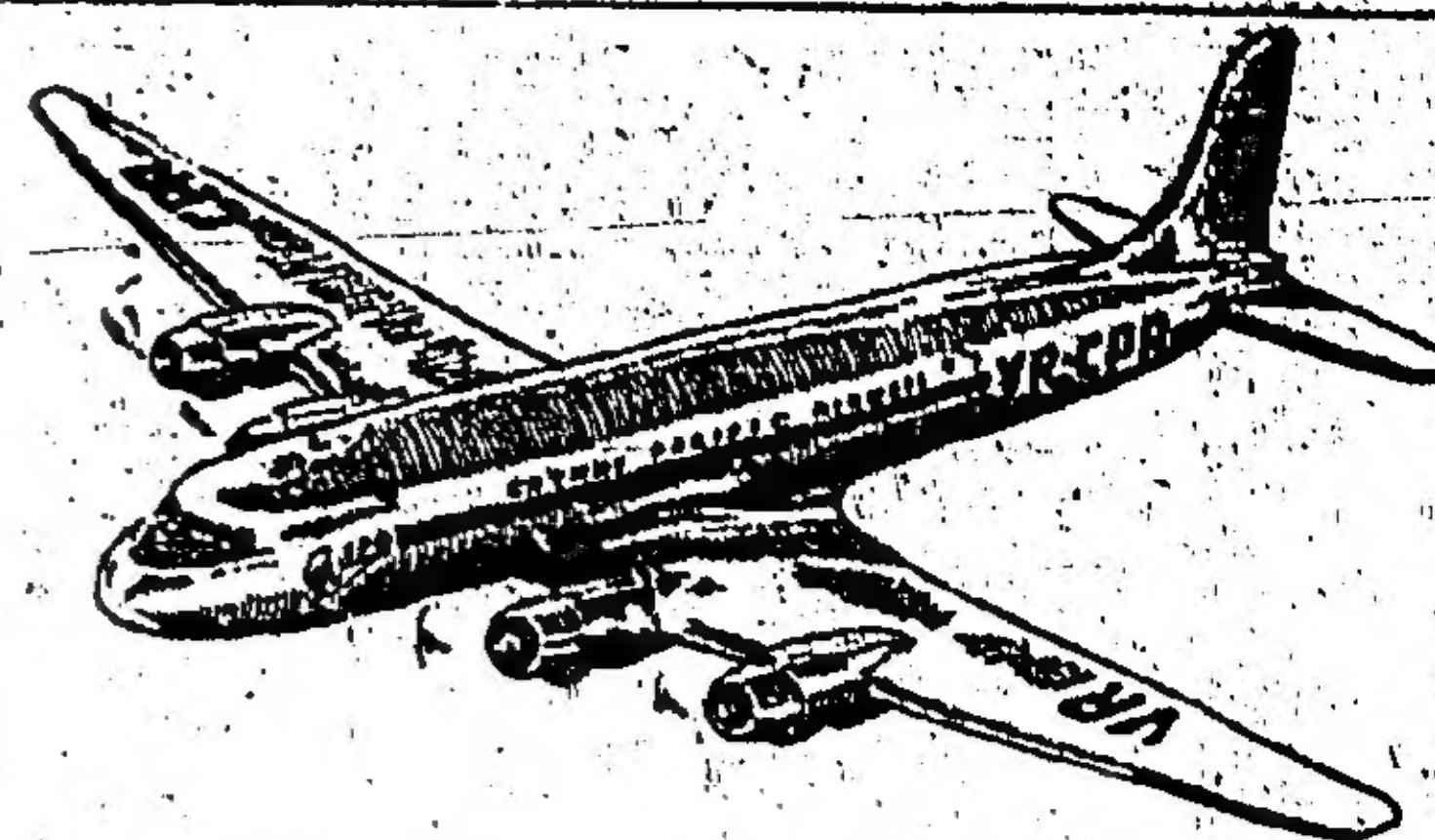
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BRITAIN TURNS CORNER On The Road Back To Production

Experts Discuss Switch-On

London, Feb. 14.

Britain's all-out effort to rebuild stocks of coal at power stations is showing the first definite results, the Ministry of Fuel and Power announced this afternoon.

"Though the position is very serious and coal stocks remain far below the safety level," the Ministry stated, "there was all-round evidence yesterday and this morning that a little more had been gained."

The coal saved in the half of the country where the electricity switch-off has operated since Monday reached more than 30,000 tons yesterday—43 per cent of normal consumption and the best figure yet recorded.

The total saving in all areas since Monday was 112,000 tons, the Ministry said.

Today Ministers and experts of Prime Minister Attlee's special coal commission discussed the date for the great switch-on of electricity when the wheels of industry will begin to turn again.

Nothing can be definitely settled until the weather finally improves and although London temperatures rose above freezing point today for the first time since Monday, the Air Ministry warned that the frost would return. But observers were cheered that the commission "turned its thoughts today to the end of the crisis."

Austin Dismissals

The Austin Motor Company, which closed its works a week before the current cuts owing to lack of coal, today announced that they were dismissing their 14,000 production employees.

The company has already paid more than £100,000 in wages to men who have been unable to do any work.

The sailings of colliers from Northeast ports, where hundreds of thousands of tons of coal have been held up through fog and gales, were back to normal today.

The first tractor load with food to Staffordshire villages marooned for a fortnight got through last night, a few hours after a four-engined Halifax bomber crashed while trying to bomb supplies in.

Hundreds of men using bulldozers cleared the roads of drifts sometimes 15 feet deep and all today tractors, bread-vans and grinders vans have been pouring food in for eleven villages—practically the first supplies they have had in two weeks.

A special train was also chartered to rush food in and as soon as news came that road and rail communications were open the Royal Air Force cancelled its plans to parachute supplies.

Europe In Chaos

Meanwhile from every other European centre came reports of chaotic transport and fuel sup-

ply conditions brought on by the bitterly cold weather. No sign of a thaw has been reported.

A Reuter report from Brussels said 70 per cent of Belgium's next wheat crop has been destroyed by successive spells of frost and 85,000 hectares will have to be reserved.

From Prague it was reported that the marshalling yards in the important coal-mining districts of Moravia were blocked by snowstorms.

In Hamburg all gas supplies were cut off today because of the lack of coal at gasworks. It is hoped to restore the gas to-morrow when 700 tons of coal should reach the gasworks.

Leipzig radio reported the lower reaches of the Rhine were now covered with ice for a distance of 60 kilometres.—Reuter.

Corner Turned

London, Feb. 15.

The Government announced last night that "there were signs that Britain has 'turned the corner' on the road back to industrial production and lighted homes."

"But if we have turned the corner, it is only just," said Sir Guy Nott-Bower, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, reporting latest developments in the battle against the gravest coal shortage in the nation's history.—Associated Press.

Prisoners Set Free

Athens, Feb. 14.

A prison warder was kidnapped and four persons were killed in a guerrilla attack on the Sparta prison last night, the Greek Ministry of Public Order announced tonight.

The number of prisoners who were freed and escaped to the hills was 233, the Ministry stated.

Guerrillas encircled the town after dark and opened fire on the prison buildings with anti-tank mortars and machineguns, the Ministry said.—Reuter.

EURYALUS AT POMPEY

London, Feb. 14.

After more than two years' service with the British Pacific Fleet, the 5,450 tons cruiser HMS Eurymachus will arrive at Portsmouth from the Far East tomorrow.

In addition to her crew she has on board nearly 100 Service passengers who will be disembarked on arrival.—Reuter.

Attlee Declines With Thanks

London, Feb. 14.

Mr. Clement Attlee today sent a message to President Truman thanking him for his offer yesterday to divert to Britain colliers carrying 250,000 tons of coal to Europe.

"My colleagues and I have learned with warm appreciation of your offer to do all in your power to help in relieving our coal shortage, and in particular to support measures for diverting to this country United States coal now en route to Europe," Mr. Attlee said.

"I need not say how grateful we are for your readiness to assist in the difficult times through which we are passing. But the need for coal in Europe is no less pressing and we could not ask that cargoes should be diverted from Europe to the United Kingdom," the Prime Minister added.—Reuter.

Malays Want Brooke

London, Feb. 14.

Captain Bertram Brooke, Tuan Muda of Sarawak until its cession to the Crown, has received a cable from the President of the Malay National Union of Sarawak begging him to "come to Sarawak with the utmost speed."

Captain Brooke replied today that he is not well enough to face the journey, nor is it known whether the Colonial Office would permit him to enter Sarawak.

Captain Brooke is the brother of the former Rajah. His son, Anthony Brooke, has been banned from entering the country.—Reuter.

New Deal For The Navy

Portsmouth, Feb. 14.

The Admiralty Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. John Dugdale, said at Portsmouth tonight that the past 18 months had seen the start of revolution in naval welfare and the Admiralty were going to make a start with the provision of married quarters on naval stations at home and abroad.

He said that the Admiralty has started a scheme of free passages for families of ratings serving abroad for long periods and added improvements were also planned for the equipment of ships.

"The Government has recognised for the first time in history that sailors have as much right as any other people to have families with them when serving abroad for long periods," said Mr. Dugdale.—Reuter.

Trouble In Yugoslavia?

Athens, Feb. 14.

Yugoslavia today alleged before the United Nations Balkans Commission that the presence of British troops and the existence of the anti-democratic Government in Greece facilitates the entry of "bandits" from other Balkan countries, who conspired against popular Democratic Governments of these lands.

The Greek News Agency says that the statement was made by M. Kriem Kruif before the commission which is inquiring into the Greek allegations of foreign aid to guerrillas in northern Greece.—Reuter.

Munich, Feb. 15.

Eighty-six soldiers and 200 German civilians were seized today in a raid by 900 American troops and German police on Munich's major trouble zone where AWOL soldiers and black market operators were sought. Many German girls with the soldiers were taken.—Associated Press.

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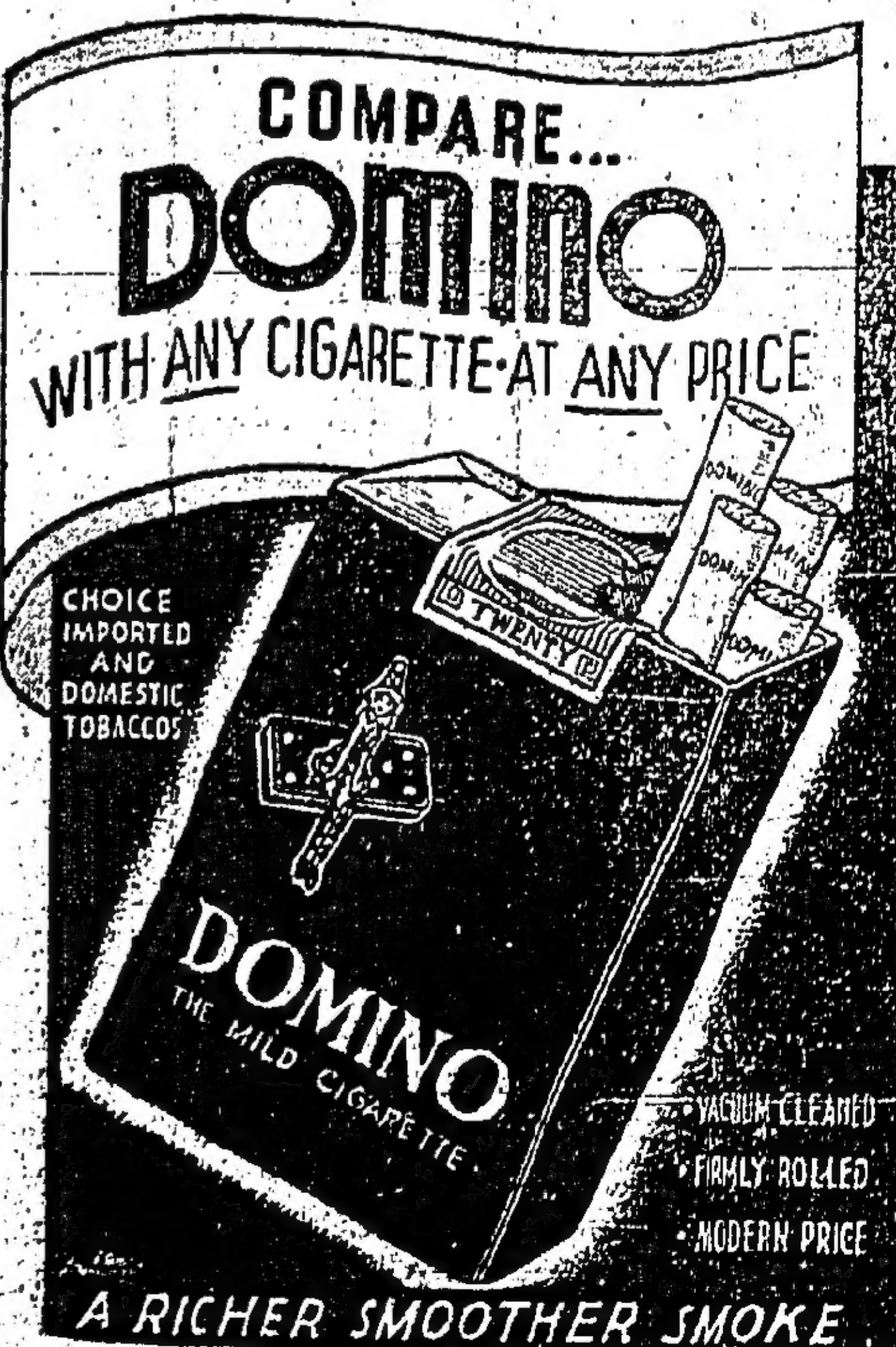
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EARL OF ALMSBURY, who seeing Amber's obvious infatuation for Bruce, spitefully introduces them at the local inn. Amber persuades Carlton to take her to London with him. Eventually Carlton leaves for the Indies to repair the family fortunes lost in the Civil War. Amber is desolate. She finds herself with child and marries a man who eventually disappears with all the money Carlton had left her.

All alone, Amber gets into debt and is thrown into Newgate Gaol, where she suffers every degradation. In order to ease her lot she gives herself to a notorious highwayman, who plans their escape. The highwayman is eventually hanged. Amber then goes on the stage because she learns that actresses cannot be arrested.

She meets Captain Rex Morgan, a gallant from the Court. While Amber is his mistress she is summoned by the King, and lies with him.

Then Bruce Carlton returns. He and Amber go to see their son, who is being cared for by a foster-mother. Rex Morgan hears of her love affair with Carlton and challenges him to a duel. Rex is killed. Bruce once again sails away.

Amber, thinking she is again with child, goes to Tunbridge Wells to take the waters. On the way she meets

SAMUEL DANGERFIELD, a 60-year-old, wealthy City merchant, and a widower. She marries him for his money, and she is soon a widow with £66,000.

Amber has a daughter, Susanna, by Bruce, and moves to an apartment in St. Martin's-lane. Bruce returns from sea and catches the plague. Amber nurses him with fanatical devotion. She then catches the plague and Bruce helps to nurse her.

When both are well they go to Barbary Hill. Almsbury's country seat at Gloucester. They spend their days with their son and daughter, but soon Bruce steals away to sea to his ships. Amber is inconsolable.

Almsbury introduces her to the Earl of Radclyffe, who is very poor. Almsbury suggests the Earl wants to marry Amber for her money.

The Earl of Radclyffe's first gift to Amber was a beautifully carved ebony statue. Then came a gilded Florentine mirror. "He must intend marrying me," Amber told Almsbury. "No man makes such valuable presents unless he expects to get 'em back again."

Almsbury laughed. "I think you're right. And if he does make you a proposal—what about you? Will you accept?" Amber gave a sigh and a shrug. "I don't know. It's no use being rich unless you've got a title too." She made a face. "But I hate that stinking old buck-fitch."

"Then marry a young man," she gave him a glance of indignation. "Why, I'd rather be buried alive than marry one of your bectoring Frenchified Covent Garden fops! I know well enough what that means. They get you with child and send you off to the gentry to breed—while they stay in London to play the town-bull and spend all your portion on actresses and 'Change women. No thanks, not for me. I've seen enough of that to learn my lesson. If I've got to marry someone to get a title, I'd rather marry an old man I hate than a young one I hate. At least there's a sooner prospect of freedom that way."

"Don't Marry"

The Earl burst into hearty laughter. Amber looked at him in surprise and some annoyance. "Well, my lord? What makes you so hysterical, pray?"

"You do, sweetheart. I swear no one would ever guess to hear you talk that six years ago you were a simple countrywench and so virtuous you slapped my face for making you an honest offer of my affections. I wonder what's happened to her—that innocent, pretty girl—I saw on the Mary-green common?" His voice and eyes turned a little wistful at the last.

Amber was petulant; why shouldn't he be satisfied with the way she was now? She liked to think of Almsbury as one man who accepted her exactly as she was, liked her and approved of everything she said and did. "I don't know," she said crossly. "She's gone now—if she ever existed at all. She couldn't last long in London."

He gave her hand a quick, friendly grasp. "No, darling, she couldn't. But, seriously, I think it would be a mistake for you to marry Radclyffe."

"Why? You suggested it yourself to begin with."

"I know. But I only wanted to make you think about something besides Bruce. In the first place, he's deep in debt. It might take half your inheritance to get him out."

"Oh, I've got that all planned. I'll have the contract drawn to let me retain management of my own funds."

Her Ambition

Almsbury shook his head. "That'll never do. He wouldn't marry you with any such arrangement as that—any more than you'd marry him if he was to retain sole use of his

title. No, if you marry Radclyffe you've got to sign over your money to him. But—do you think you could tolerate living in the same house with him—not to mention sleeping in the same bed?"

"Oh, as for that! In London I won't know he's about. I'll spend all my days at Court—and may be some of my nights too." Her mouth turned up significantly at one corner; she had never completely abandoned her earlier ambition of being His Majesty's mistress—and whenever Bruce Carlton was gone the prospect glittered.

To be mistress of the King, a great lady, feared and envied and admired. To be stared and pointed at in the streets, watched in the galleries of the palace, bowed and truckled to in the drawing-rooms. To be begged for favours, fawned upon for a smile—to hold the power of success or failure over dozens, even hundreds, of men and women.

That was the summit of ambition—higher than the Queen, mightier than the Chancellor, greater than any nobly born woman in the land. And if she could once be presented at Whitehall, have the right and privilege of the royal apartments, see him day after day—Amber had no doubt that she could occupy the place which his Majesty's mistress, the King's favourite mistress, was said to be rapidly losing.

All those things were in her mind when—just a few days after Christmas—she accepted the Earl of Radclyffe's proposal of marriage.

The marriage contract had been signed at Barbary Hill and Amber supposed he would take advantage of the usual custom to let her with her night. At eight o'clock, however, he bowed, wished her a good-night, and retired to his own chamber. Amber and Nan watched him go, both of them staring with astonishment. Then, as the door closed, they looked at each other and burst into uncontrollable giggles.

"He must be impotent!" hissed Nan.

"I hope so!"

"Amber Countess of Radclyffe," she said slowly one week after they had been married. "Much good it does me," she told her reflection in the mirror. Her life was no more exciting than when she was plain Mrs. Dangerfield; less so than when she was Madame St. Clare of His Majesty's Theatre. She had scarcely left their suite of rooms in Radclyffe House, Aldersgate-street, just outside the City gates. Was this what she had traded her £66,000 for? It seemed a bad bargain, dullness and a man she despised.

For now that she was his wife Radclyffe was a greater enigma than ever.

She saw him but little, for he had a multitude of interests which he did not wish to share with her nor she with him. Several hours of almost every day he spent in the laboratory which opened out of their bedroom, and for which new equipment was constantly arriving.

When he was not there he was in the library or in the offices on the lower floor, reading, writing, going over his bills, and making plans for the remodeling and furnishing of the house. Though this was to be done, obviously, at Amber's expense, he never consulted her wishes in the matter or even told her what plans he had made.

As Enemies

They met, usually, just twice a day—at dinner, and in bed. Conversation at dinner was polite and arid, carried on chiefly for the benefit of the servants, but in bed they did not talk at all. The Earl could not, in any real sense, make love to her, for he was impotent and apparently had been for some time. More than that, he disliked her, frankly and contemptuously—even while she roused in him conflicting emotions of desire and some wild yearning toward the past which he could never explain. Yet he longed violently for complete physical possession—a longing at which he caught

night after night but never grasped, and it drove him down a hundred strange pathways of lust and helpless rage.

From the first morning they were enemies, but it was not until several days had gone by that mutual antipathy flared into open conflict. It was over a question of money.

He presented to her a neatly-written note, addressed to Shadrick Newbold, her goldsmith: "Request to pay to Edmund Mortimer, Earl of Radclyffe, or bearer, the sum of £18,000," and asked her to sign it, for the money was still in her name, though he possessed the marriage-contract which put control of her entire fortune, except for £10,000, into his hands.

In a Temper

They were standing beside a small writing-table. As he gave her the paper he took a quill, dipped it in the ink-well, and extended it to her. She glanced first at the note, and then, with a little gasp of amazement, raised her head to look at him.

"Eighteen thousand pounds!" she cried angrily. "My portion won't last long at this rate!"

"I beg your pardon, madame, but I believe that I am as well aware as you of the evanescent quality of money, and I have no more wish to dissipate your inheritance than you have to see me do so. This £18,000 is to pay my debts, which, as I told you, have been accumulating for 25 years."

He spoke with the air of one who makes a reasonable explanation of a difficult problem to a child who is not very clever, and Amber gave him a furious glare. For a moment longer she hesitated, her mind stabbing here and there for a way out. But at last she snatched away the quill, thrust it into the ink-well and with a few swift strokes scrawled her name across the sheet, making specks of ink fly as she did so. Then she threw down the pen, left him and walked to the window, where she stood staring down into the alley below—scarcely seeing two women fish-vendors who were bellowing curses and slapping at each other with huge flounders.

In a few moments she heard the door close behind him. Suddenly she whirled, grabbed up a small Chinese vase and threw it violently across the room, shouting "Stinking old devil!"

Nan rushed forward as though she would rescue the pieces. "Oh, Lord, madam! Your Ladyship!" she corrected. "He'll be stark, staring mad when he finds what you've done! He was mighty fond of that vase!"

"Yes! Well, I was mighty fond of that £18,000 too! The varlet!"

I wish it had been his head! Lord, what a miserable wretch is a husband!"

On the 1st of February Charles returned to Whitehall. There were deep snows on the ground, the church bells pealed out merrily, and at night great bonfires lighted the black winter sky, welcoming the New Year. Her Majesty, however, and all the ladies had remained at Hampton Court. Castlemaine had recently given birth to another son; the Queen had miscarried again. And York was not speaking to the Duchess because he thought—pretended to think—that she had been having an affair with handsome Henry Sidney.

Radclyffe went to wait upon the King, but Amber could not go to Court until the women returned, when she might be presented at a ball or some other formal occasion. However, having once paid his respects, Radclyffe did not go often to Whitehall. He was not the sort of man King Charles would take for a confidant and his religion barred him from ever holding an office.

Time Drags

FURTHERMORE, he had been too long away from Court. A new generation was setting the pace, and it was not the pace at which his own had moved. There was a new way of living which he considered to be shallow, frivolous, lacking in grace or purpose. Most of the men he judged either knaves or fools or both, and the women he thought a pack of empty-headed sluts. He included his wife in this category.

To Amber it seemed that time passed more slowly than ever before. She spent hours with Susanna, helping her learn to walk, building block castles and playing with her, singing her the dozens of nursery rhymes she remembered from her own childhood.

She adored her—but she could not build a whole life around her. She longed for that great exciting world to which she had belonged and paid her admission, and which she might now enter proudly by the front door, not sneak into like a culprit through some back passageway.

She was glad that Radclyffe was not interested in the gay life at the Palace, for that would leave her all the more free to enjoy it herself.

Amber Lonely

Amber wanted nothing so much as to get away from him. She felt as though he was casting some evil spell over her, for though she did not actually see him often, he seemed to hang forever at her shoulder, to lurk in her mind—sombre and dreaded.

Alone in the house as she was and with few diversions, every thing that was said or done by either of them assumed a magnified importance. She mulled over each word spoken, each glance exchanged, every action, worrying it like a dog with a bone.

Once, out of boredom, she ventured into his laboratory. She lifted the door, found it open, and went in quietly so as not to disturb him. Great stacks of books and manuscripts, recently sent down from Lime Park, his country home, were piled on the floor.

There were several skulls, human and of jars and bottles, oil-lamps, pottery vessels of every shape and size—all the paraphernalia of alchemy. He was engaged, she knew, in the "Great Work"—a tedious, complicated process of seven years which had as its goal the discovery of the Philosopher's Stone—a search that was occupying some of the best minds of the age.

As she entered he stood before a table, his back to her, carefully measuring a yellow powder. She said nothing, but walked toward him, her eyes going curiously over the loaded shelves and tables. All at once he gave a start, and the bottle dropped from his hands.

Amber jumped backward to avoid spotting her gown. "Oh! I'm sorry. What are you doing in here?"

Her anger flared quickly. "I just came in to look. Is there any harm in that?"

He relaxed, smoothing the scowl from his face. "Madame, there are several places where women do not belong—under any circumstances at all. A laboratory is one of them. I've spent too many years and too much money on this project to have it ruined by a woman's blundering."

After alchemy his greatest interest was his library, where he spent many hours of each day. For most of his life he had been collecting rare books and manuscripts, which he kept all in precise order, listing each one carefully and with a full account of everything that pertained to it. But his interest in books was more than mere pleasure in possession, in the look and feel of fine leather and old paper. He read them as well.

There were Greek plays; Cicero's Letters and the Meditations of Marcus Aurelius; Plutarch and Dante; Spanish plays; French philosophers and scientists—all in their original languages.

He did not forbid Amber the library, but it was not until weeks that she went into it. She had now become so desperate for entertainment that she was finally willing to read a book.

But she had not realised that he was there, and when she saw him, sitting beside the fireplace with a pen in his hand and a great volume lying open on the writing table, she hesitated for a moment, then started up again. He glanced up, saw her, and to her surprise got politely into his feet, bowing. "Pray come in, madame. I see no reason why a woman may not enter a library—even though she isn't likely to find much in it to her taste. Or are you that freak of man and nature—a learned female?"

His mouth, as he spoke the last sentence, turned ironically down, in common with most men—no matter what their own intellectual interests and acquisitions might be—he considered education for women absurd and even amusing. Amber ignored the libel; it was not a subject on which she could be easily offended.

"I thought I might find something to pass the time with. Have you got any plays written in English?"

"Several. What do you prefer—Ben Jonson, Marlowe, Beaumont and Fletcher, Shakespeare?"

"Cowardice"

"It doesn't matter. I've read 'em all." She knew that he did not like any reference to her acting, and mentioned it frequently to annoy him. So far he had refused the bait.

But now he looked at her with obvious displeasure. "Madame, I had hoped your own sense of shame would prevent you from making any further reference to so unfortunate an episode in your life. Pray let me hear no more about it."

"Why not? I'm not ashamed of it!"

"I am."

"It didn't keep you from marrying me!"

From across the dozen or so feet that separated them they eyed each other. Amber had long felt sure that if once she could break through his coldness and composure she would have him at her mercy. If I ever hit him, she had told herself a dozen times, I'd never be afraid of him again. But she could not quite bring herself to do it. She knew well enough that he had a strong streak of cruelty, a malevolent savagery—highly refined, as were all his vices. But she had not found any restraining rein of conscience or compassion. Therefore she hesitated out of fear, and hated herself for the cowardice.

THE BOOK EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

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"Attractions"

"No," he agreed at last, "it didn't keep me from marrying you—for you had other attractions which I found it impossible to resist."

"Yes!" snapped Amber. "Sixty-six thousand of 'em!"

Radclyffe smiled. "How perceptive," he said, "for a woman!"

For several seconds she stared at him, longing violently to smash her fist into his face. She had the feeling that it would crumble, like a mummy's, beneath any hard and sudden blow, and she could picture his expression of horror as his face disintegrated. Suddenly she turned toward the bookshelves.

"Well, where are they? The plays?"

"On this shelf, madame. Take whatever you want."

"Rare Books"

She picked out three or four at random, hastily, for she was anxious to get away from him. "Thank you, sir," she said without looking at him, and started out. Just as she reached the door she heard his voice again.

"I have some very rare Italian books in which I believe you would be interested."

"I don't read Italian," she did not glance around.

"These may be appreciated without a knowledge of the language. They make use of the universal language of pictures."

She at once understood what he meant and paused, caught by her own strong interest in whatever was sensational or prurient. With a smile which clearly betrayed his cynical amusement at her curiosity, he turned and took down from a shelf a hand-tooled leather-bound volume, laid it on the table, and stood waiting.

She turned and for a moment hesitated, watching him suspiciously as though this were some trap he had set for her. Then, with a defiant lift of her chin, she walked forward and opened the book, turned half a dozen pages on which was some unrecognisable printing, and stopped with a gasp of surprise at the first picture.

A "Treasure"

For a moment Amber looked at it fascinated. Suddenly she glanced up and found him watching her, carefully, with the same expression she had seen that day in Almsbury's library. It disappeared again as swiftly as the time before, and she picked up the book and started across the room.

"I thought you'd be interested," she heard him saying. "But pray handle it carefully. It's very old and very rare—a treasure of its kind."

She did not answer or look around but went on out of the room. She felt bewildered and angry, both pleasantly excited and disgusted. It seemed, somehow, that he had taken an advantage of her.

CEASE FIRE IN INDONESIA

Batavia, Feb. 14. The Indonesian Republican General Staff today issued a "cease-fire" order to the troops under its control to take effect from midnight tomorrow, Dutch sources reported.

The cease-fire order, forecast on Wednesday by Dr. Sultan Sjahir Indonesian Prime Minister, implements the agreement with the Dutch military authorities reached on Oct. 14 last, after prolonged negotiations in which British experts took part. Difficulties arose after the signing of the agreement which provided for the stabilisation of Dutch and Indonesian forces in their existing positions.—Reuter.

DUTCH STOP U.S. SHIP

Batavia, Feb. 14. A Dutch Navy corvette intercepted and searched for contraband the 9,000-ton American freighter Martin Lehman off the North Java port of Cheribon on Feb. 7; it was reported here today.

Nothing valuable was found but the captain is said to have been warned that if he loaded rubber, sugar or quinine his cargo would be confiscated.

The British ship Empire May Flower was recently intercepted by a Dutch naval vessel in the same waters on suspicion that she had loaded rubber at Cheribon from estates which the Dutch claim are not Indonesian property.—Reuter.

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WARNING TO FRANCE: NEED FOR DISCIPLINE

Paris, Feb. 14.

While thousands of French civil servants demonstrated today for more wages and France faced grave unrest, Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier told the National Assembly "If France cannot submit herself to national discipline, the country, and even the Republican regime will be placed in great danger."

The Cabinet at its meeting earlier was understood to have maintained apparent unity between parties in the face of a threatened cataract of strikes as a result of rising discontent over the cost of living and food shortages.

The present situation is placing a great strain on unity within the Cabinet.

The Communists are committed to support organised labour's demand for "a basic minimum wage" and for other adjustments which involve higher wages bills. There is also believed to be a split in the Cabinet on the proposed Anglo-French alliance. The present economic crisis

Less Sense Of Responsibility

The Premier told the Assembly that the danger to currency and the general economy of the country was as great as at the beginning of January when his predecessor, M. Leon Blum, launched his anti-inflation policy.

Since that date the "national sense of responsibility" seems to have diminished," he added.

The Premier announced that the Government would fight increased prices and speculation with "all the means at its disposal" and would pursue M. Blum's policy.

General in the Government in the feeling that despite the Premier's appeal for national discipline the discontent might lead to nationwide paralysing strikes.

Some quarters even expressed fears of civil strife unless the Government could hold prices and lessen the unrest among organised labour.

There was an atmosphere in Paris streets today reminiscent of the fervour which preceded the election of the "Popular Front" Government in 1936.

Thousands Walk Out Government employees walked out of hundreds of offices this afternoon, policemen disappeared from point duty and radio programmes and automatic telephones went dead.

Meanwhile newspaper workers are on strike for a 25 per cent wage increase which the Government has rejected.

The strike is expected to last some time, with grave consequences to the newspaper industry.

Today's demonstrators bore brilliantly coloured placards bearing "more wages" slogans. Typists marching arm in arm banded with pedestrians lining the pavements. Then came municipal workmen wearing black berets, followed by clerks of the Bank of France.

There were two processions, one on the right bank of the Seine and the other on the left, with loudspeakers to issue instructions and shout slogans.

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Hollywood Wants G.B.S.

New York, Feb. 15.

Mary Pickford says she would like George Bernard Shaw to visit Hollywood and personally watch transition of his outstanding plays, to the motion picture screen.

"I am anxious to travel to England before the end of this year and see Mr. Shaw, and to assure him that his plays made into Hollywood films will be returned to him in good condition," said the former star of the silent movies who is now a Hollywood producer.

"Perhaps I can lure him" to Hollywood to watch the shooting of his pictures," Miss Pickford said.

Arista Alliance, signed a contract with Gabriel Pascal, producer and director who represents Shaw in America, to bring Shaw plays to the American screen.—Associated Press.

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EXPLOSIONS IN MADRID

Madrid, Feb. 14.

Two bomb explosions occurred in Madrid tonight. A small bomb exploded outside the door of the criminal investigation department of police headquarters and the second in a flat, used by a foreign diplomat within 100 metres of the British Embassy.

No casualties were reported in either incident, but structural damage was caused.—Reuter.

Soviet Objects To China

London, Feb. 14.

The Soviet Union today insisted that China be excluded from the list of host powers for the proposed German peace conference.

The Soviet deputy, M. Feodor Gusev, argued before the Council of Foreign Ministers' deputies that only powers "signatory to the German surrender instrument"—the Big Four—should be considered host powers.

China, in a note to the Foreign Ministers' Council, demanded that she be considered a sponsoring power in the event of a German peace conference, by virtue of her membership on the Council.

M. Gusev remained adamant, despite opposition from France, Britain and the United States. France also upset the harmony of the session by her refusal to consider the proposal that the German Government be given an opportunity to express its views on the peace treaty.

The American deputy, Mr. Robert Murphy, who suggested that the German peace be imposed by international statute rather than by a treaty which the German Government would be obliged to sign, took no part in the discussions.—United Press.

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Through numbers (8 Races—\$15) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$200) on the last race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

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Police Boats Sunk By Haganah Frogmen

Jerusalem, Feb. 14.

The Haganah, most moderate of the three Jewish underground groups, announced today in a radio broadcast that it was responsible for the blowing up of two police launches in Haifa harbour yesterday.

The Haganah, which had been inactive for months, said: "Our frogmen, at great risk of their lives, completed the operation successfully."

"We have not gone out of business. We shall not see our brethren turned away from the gates of the promised land by the dictates of the White Paper and remain quiet. We attack at the very launch which turned away the 'Negev' (Jewish illegal immigrant ship) and other floating slums of the helpless refugees."

Meanwhile, counsel for the three Irgun members sentenced to death subject to the British GOC's confirmation met them today in a Jerusalem prison. It was reported the condemned men told their lawyers they would under no circumstances sign a reprieve.

Officials speculated this might be the last Sabbath before imposition of martial law, especially since Irgun had threatened a "blood bath" in retaliation if the three men were sentenced.—United Press.

Robbery and murder.—United Press.

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Newsman Dine With The King

On the battleship Vanguard, Feb. 14.

King George and Queen Elizabeth, both wearing boiler suits, toured the engine and boiler rooms of the Vanguard today—nine metres below the surface of the ocean at a temperature of 36 degrees Centigrade.

They had to pass through the airlock which maintains the necessary high pressure.

Asked by Engineer Officers whether she could manage climbing, the Queen replied: "I will try." She then climbed nimbly the narrow perpendicular ladders.

Using dark glasses, the Queen watched the blazing fuel oil through the open furnace doors while the King discussed engines and boilers with an Engineer Officer.

A press party of two correspondents and one radio commentator and a film photographer and press photographer dined with the King, Queen and Princesses in the Royal apartments.—Reuter.

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Asia Rehabilitation Disappointing

H.K. Stock Exchange

After a quiet week the market closed very steady with buyers gradually coming in for the more popular investment counters. Banks have firmed up to \$1500 buyers, and Jardine's Insurance shares are still wanted in spite of sales having taken place at \$450 for Chinese and \$122½ for Hongkong Pines.

Whampoa Docks have improved to \$18½ with buyers ready to take up scrip at this rate. Union Telephone had small sales reported at \$40. There are enquiries for Hongkong Telephones at \$15½ for the Old and \$18½ for the New.

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M.C.C. In A Very
Good Position

Melbourne, Feb. 15.
The M.C.C. were in a splendid position at the end of the second day's play here in their return match against Victoria, when the strong state side lost six wickets in making only 171 runs in reply to the tourists, first innings of 355.
The day was a personal triumph for Godfrey Evans, whose brilliant wicket-keeping accounted for the first four Victoria wickets and whose aggressive batting of 41 not out—his highest for a first class match of the present tour—materially helped to swell the M.C.C. total.
Ikin also scored his highest tally of the tour—71. After England's last five wickets fell today for an additional 89, Victoria lost their three top batsmen for 32. Only a fourth wicket stand of 120 between Lindsay, Hassett and 18-year-old Neil Harvey saved Victoria from being in an extremely precarious position.
At the close, Hassett was still undefeated, having batted 2-3-4 hours for 63.
Scores:—
M.C.C.
First Innings
Washbrook, c. Tribe, b. Freer 22
Fahlock, c. Hassett, b. Freer 51
Gibb, c. Johnson, b. Miller 17
Compton, c. and b. Miller 93
Hardstaff, c. Tribe, b. Freer 93
Ikin, c. Tribe, b. Freer 71
Yardley, c. Miller 18
Evans, not out 41
Bedser, c. Harvey, b. Tribe 41
Pollard, b. Miller 9
Wright, c. Hassett, b. Ring 9
Extras 13
Total 355
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-73, 3-111, 4-139, 5-225, 6-287, 7-293, 8-325, 9-334, 10-355.
BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. R. W.
Miller 25 6 63 4
Freer 23 2 77 2
Linton 5 1 15 0
Tribe 38 1 142 3
Ring 14 2 45 1

**DRC Defeat
Royal Navy**
Dockyard Recreation Club beat Royal Navy by 57 runs in a friendly cricket game at King's Park yesterday.
Dockyard
White, run out 16
Trueman, c. Cole, b. Dowds 3
Collins, lbw, b. Abel 36
Stevens, b. Abel 36
Faul, c. Leach, b. Foster 6
Faul, c. Roberts, b. Abel 12
Mathews, not out 12
Horswell, run out 2
Turner, c. Salt, b. Abel 0
Evans, b. Abel 0
Titchell, c. Foster, b. Abel 0
Extras 2
Total 171
Bowling: Mathews 6 for 15; Stevens 3 for 25.
VICTORIA
First Innings
McHarvey, c. Evans, b. Bedser 10
McLennan, Stumped Evans, b. Pollard 14
Miller, Stumped Evans, b. Bedser 6
Hassett, not out 63
N. Harvey, c. Evans, b. Wright 6
Linton, c. Washbrook, b. Wright 2
Ring, b. Wright 0
Freer, not out 0
Extras 1
Total (for six wickets) 171

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Home
Football
Results

London, Feb. 16.
The following were the football results of matches played today.
First Division
Blackburn 1 Derby 1
Blackpool 1 Preston 0
Everton 3 Sunderland 2
M'borough 3 Bolton 1
Preston 3 Aston 1
Stoke 6 Chelsea 1
Brentford 1 Arsenal 1
Charlton 1 Liverpool 1
Grimsby 1 Leeds United 1
H'ford 1 W'hampton 1
Manchester U. v Sheffield U. (postponed)
Second Division
Birmingham 2 Coventry 0
Bury 1 Millwall 2
Luton 1 Chesterfield 1
Newcastle 1 Southampton 3
Plymouth 4 Leicester 0
Swansea 5 New Port 1
Fulham 1 Bradford 1
Wednesday 1 M'chester C. 1
Tottenham 1 W'hampton 1
West Brom. v Notts For. (All postponed)
Third Division North
Carlisle 1 Halifax 0
Darlington 0 H'ill 0
O'ham 1 Wrexham 5
Southport 1 Gateshead 0
Accrington 1 New Brighton 1
Barrow 1 Rochdale 0
Bradford 1 Doncaster 1
Rotherham 1 Lincoln 1
York 1 H'arlepool 1
(All postponed)
Third Division South
Bournemouth 0 Bristol C. 0
Bristol R. 3 Queens P.R. 1
Crystal P. 2 Watford 0
Norwich 1 Exeter 0
Torquay 0 Ipswich 0
Cardiff 1 Port Vale 1
Mansfield 1 Leyton Orient 1
Northampton 1 Aldershot 1
Notts C. 1 Brighton 1
Reading 1 Walsall 1
Swindon 1 Southampton 1
(All postponed)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
"A" Division
Hamilton 1 Clyde 2
Morton 0 Rangers 1
Celtic 1 Falkirk 1
Hearts 1 Queen's Park 1
Partick Thistle 1 Kilmarnock 1
Partick Thistle 1 Aberdeen 1
St. Mirren 1 Motherwell 1
Thistle 1 Hibernian 1
(All postponed)
"B" Division
Ayr 3 Dunfermline 1
Dumbarton 2 Alloa 2
Airdrie 1 Dundee 1
Cowdenbeath 1 Arbroath 1
Dundee 1 Raith 1
Stenhousemuir v St. Johnstone (All postponed)
Scottish Cup
SECOND ROUND
East Fife 5 East 1
Stirlingshire 1
Cliftonville 0 Ballymena 2
Derry 0 Belfast 1
Dunblane 1 Glentworth 1
Coleraine 4 Linfield 1
—Reuter.

**KCC Beat
Craigengower**
Entertaining Craigengower Cricket Club to a friendly cricket game at Cox's Path yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the visitors by 58 runs.
Full scores are as follows:
K.C.C.
G. I. Stapleton, b. A. E. Lee 57
F. A. Broadbridge, c. Hong Choy, b. A. E. Lee 3
A. Zimmerman, c. and b. Inance 7
F. R. Zimmermann, b. A. E. Lee 19
S. A. Gray, c. Taul, b. Hong Sling 4
J. R. Luke, c. Neoh, b. Inance 4
D. A. S. Willis, c. Taul, b. Lam 44
R. Leigh, lbw, b. Inance 0
L. R. Burch, not out 0
Extras 0
Total 141
E. C. Fincher and R. E. Lee did not bat.
Bowling: R. Inance 3-47, E. A. Lee 2-28, Hong Sling 1-3, C. W. Lam 1-5.
C.C.C.
H. P. Lim, b. R. E. Lee 7
N. Broadbridge, b. F. R. Zimmerman 0
G. Hong Sling, c. F. R. Zimmerman, b. R. E. Lee 21
E. A. Lee, c. F. R. Zimmerman, b. R. E. Lee 0
J. P. Taul, b. L. R. Burch 11
A. H. Inance, c. F. A. Broadbridge, b. Lee 0
R. E. Inance, b. J. R. Luke 28
C. W. Lam, b. J. R. Luke 3
Total 63
Bowling: R. E. Lee 4-7, L. R. Burch 2-18, J. R. Luke 3-5.

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Today's Sports
Fixtures
FOOTBALL

First Division
41 R.M. Commando v. C.A.B.C. (Causeway Bay—1 p.m.)
Sing Tao v. Eastern (Club—1 p.m.)
Second Division
C.A.B.C. v. B.C. (B.C. H.Q. (Causeway Bay—2.30 p.m.)
South China v. Police (Causeway Bay—2.30 p.m.)
Wireless Centre v. S.S.T. C. (Happy Valley—2.30 p.m.)
CRICKET
H.Q. Land Forces v. Recreation (K.C.C. Park—11 a.m.)
SOFTBALL
Giant v. Canadian Chinese (King's Park—10.30 a.m.)
Pin Up Girls v. Blackhawk (King's Park—11 a.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Recreation (King's Park—12 noon)
Portugal v. U.S.S. "Eagle" (King's Park—3.15 p.m.)

**Land Forces Had
The Edge On Club**
Land Forces had the better of a drawn game with H.K.C.C. on the Club ground yesterday.
Winning the toss, they knocked up 154 runs for 7 wickets and declared, leaving the Club 1½ hours to set the runs.
Wellings played a good innings, going in first for Land Forces, and took advantage of every loose ball, of which there were many, and scored 48 out of 67 runs with boundaries. The Club bowling was not very effective and Phelps also helped himself to several boundaries.
Darwin and Russell opened the bowling when the Club innings started. Both managed to get a good pace off the wicket, particularly Darwin, whose deliveries were probably the fastest seen on the Club ground this season.
After a disastrous start, the Club made a recovery through Haynes and Owen-Hughes, both of whom went for the bowling.
After Haynes was bowled by Darwin, it was just a question of whether the wickets would fall quickly enough for a Land Forces victory, but stumps were drawn when the Club still had three wickets in hand and had scored 69 runs.
Land Forces
Wellings, b. Smith 67
Tait, b. Hart-Baker 4
Andrews, c. Odell, b. Owen-Hughes 1
Hughes 1
Darwin, run out 25
Phelps, lbw, Smith 25
Saunders, c. Bardell, b. Smith 9
Gorley, b. Owen-Hughes 11
Kennedy, not out 11
Russell, not out 14
Extras 14
Total (7 wickets) 154
Baker and Tierney did not bat.
BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. R. W.
Smith 14 3 28 5
Owen-Hughes 14 3 28 2
Hart-Baker 9 0 33 0
Haynes 6 0 33 0
Pearce 4 0 21 0

**ELDER STATESMAN
DEAD**
Bangkok, Feb. 14.
Lieutenant-General Phya Sena, 69-year-old, first senior statesman of Siam, died today after an illness lasting two years.
The former Prime Minister and Supreme Commander of Siam's forces retired from politics with the accession of power of Yang Pibul Songgram, Prime Minister of Siam's collaborationist wartime Government.
In 1942, however, General Sena led a military mission to Japan.—Reuter.

42 COMMANDOS BEAT
44 COMMANDOS

The outstanding performance in yesterday's First Division Soccer was 42 Commandos' well deserved win over 44 Commandos at Sookunpoo. The other two games resulted, as was expected, in easy wins for South China and R.A.F.
Several good games were witnessed in the Second Division, with the two newcomers, R.A.M.C. and 27th R.A. creating a very good impression the former held Sing Tao to a solitary goal and the latter shared points with Signals.
Club v South China
(By Bendigonian)
In a game which was very much below First Division standard, Club, playing at home, went down to South China by 4 goals to 1.
Club made the mistake of playing on the defensive, when a little more initiative in attack might have brought about a different complexion on the game. Luck, in goal, put in a good afternoon's work and was instrumental in saving his side from heavier defeat. Fowler and Farrow, the full backs, worked hard and invariably came out best in their duels with the Chinese forwards for the ball when it was in the air.
South China's display yesterday was very disappointing to their supporters. The only players to show any semblance of form were Chau Man-chi, Chu Wing-keung and Tse Kam-bo. Lau Wing-keung, who substituted for Chan Tak-fai in the centre forward berth appeared to be over-awed by the Club defenders, particularly Fowler.
From the kick-off, Club took up the attack, but the South China defenders soon returned the ball to the Club half. South China settled down quickly and took a firm hold of the game, with the result that Club, except for occasional breakaways, were penned in their own half of the field for the greater part of the first half.
After Lee Shek-yau had failed to convert a penalty awarded against a Club defender, South China's attack began to succeed in running through to open the scoring for South China. Before half time, Chau Man-chi increased South China's lead with a fast shot while the Club defenders were appealing for off-side.
Club enjoyed a fair share of the ball in the second half, but the forwards frittered away many scoring chances. South China's lead was reduced when Blackford, connecting a well-placed pass by Hopkinson, netted, from close range with a shot which gave Suen no chance. This goal put new life into the Club and for a time they pressed strongly, but their finishing lacked sting. Before the final whistle, South China went further ahead through Chau Man-chi and Tse Kam-bo, whose goal was the best of the match.

42 Cdo. v 44 Cdo.
In spite of the absence of Powell in goal, 42 Commando beat 44 Commando in the First Division of the Football League by six goals to three at Sookunpoo yesterday, in a fairly interesting game.
Ford opened the scoring for 42 after five minutes play as the result of a good pass from Ingals, but not long afterwards, Wolfendale equalised with a good shot into the corner of the net. Thereafter the game was very evenly contested with 42 Commando having slightly more of the play, but in spite of the efforts of Ford and Murray, they could not get through the 44 defence. At the other end, Reddish and Quinton were dangerous when in possession and needed careful watching. Just before half time, Anderson again gave 42 Commando the lead.
After the interval, 42 Commando played strongly and were soon on level terms. 44 Commando were also awarded a penalty, but Ford hit the bar and infringed when he played the ball again.
After 20 minutes' play, 42 Commando were again on level terms when some good play on the part of the Intermediate line resulted in Anderson scoring. 42 Commando were now attacking strongly and a corner kick by Murray was headed in by Winters to give the 42 the lead for the first time.
Keeping up pressure, 42 Commando scored further goals through Winters and Ford and a few minutes before time, Ford added another.

Boxing Day 1941
A certificate of merit is to be given to Lt. Col. Leung Wing-yang, who on Boxing Day, 1941, arranged the reception in the Tai Ping Peninsula of a large party of escapees, including Vice Admiral Sir Douglas, C.M.G., the present Colonial Secretary, Lt. Col. Leung was responsible for the onward journey of the party through enemy occupied territory to Free China.
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Kowloon
Beat H.K.
At Rugger

An exciting Rugby game was played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon when Kowloon beat Hong Kong by a goal and a try (8 pts.) to a penalty goal (3 pts.).
The play opened at a fast pace after Hong Kong kicked off. Heavy pressure from Hong Kong was temporarily eased by Gray, who marked a kick from Muriel and then found touch just after the half way line with a very fine kick. Hong Kong, however, continued to force the pace. An attempt to force a drop goal from Cessford failed and the ball was gathered by Burgum, who found touch with an excellent kick to the half way line. Kowloon got the ball back in grand style after the subsequent line out and, after a perfect three-quarter movement, Williams scored a try in the far corner. The try was not converted.
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**YESTERDAY'S
FOOTBALL RESULTS**
First Division
Club 1 South China 4
42 Commando 4 44 Commando 3
Kowloon 1 R.A.F. 1
Second Division
Club 0 42 Commando 2
Kowloon 0 44 Commando 2
27th R.A. 2 Signals 2
Sing Tao 1 27th R.A. 1
K.C.C. 1 R.A.M.C. 0

ICE SKATING
Stockholm, Feb. 15.
Barbara Ann Scott of Canada captured the lead for the world's figure-skating championship today by winning five out of six compulsory figures in the first round of the ladies' event.
Miss Scott led with 872 points. Gretchen van Merril of the United States was in second place. England's Daphne Walker, Jeannette Altwegg and Shirley Adams were third, fourth and fifth respectively. Britta Rahlén of Sweden was sixth. England's Jill Linzee was seventh. Alena Vrzánová of Czechoslovakia eighth. Janette Ahrens of the United States ninth. Czech Jirina Nekolova tenth and the American Ellen Seigh eleventh.—United Press.
**NEXT SATURDAY'S
HANDICAPS**
Following are the handicaps for next Saturday's race meeting:
3.00 p.m.—Callup Handicap (First Section)—"B" class—Six Furlongs—Copelet (120lb.), Hurricane (125), Jean King (130), Kim (130), Lickstuck (131), Lily (134), Lucky Strike (135), Thunderbolt (141), V.V. 17 (147), White Dragon (152), Whirlaway (161).
4.00 p.m.—Lickstuck Handicap—"A" class—from the two mile post one run and in—Nautilus Van (125lb.), Daisy Bell (135), Jess Lee (142), Malmont (147), Royal Commission (148), Sookunpoo (143).
4.30 p.m.—Callup Handicap (Second Section)—"B" class—Six Furlongs—Arachna (145lb.), Avalon (147), Pat Chop (148), Hanchelle (140), Masterpiece (147), Penack (147), Rose Marmel (147), Spanish Onion (132), Sussanah (144), The Wolf (144), Wodona (144).
5.30 p.m.—Callup Handicap (Third Section)—"B" class—Six Furlongs—Alfredo (142lb.), Argus (148), Elmer (149), Gamarrilla (150), Happy Valley (145), Hong Kong Beauty (150), Kinzaber (160), Miami Beach (148), White Knight Express (140), Red Fox (145).
**Awards For Services
To Hong Kong Escapers**
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